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WHILE THE OTHER HALF A BILLION EUROPEANS DON'T GET EVEN
ONE CHANCE. HAVE WE ENTERED AN ANTI-DEMOCRATIC ERA?**

WOULD YOU VOTE YES TO A EUROPEAN SUPERSTATE SUPERIOR TO IRELAND?

On October 2nd this year, the people of Ireland will be asked to vote, for a second time, on the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty, practically replacing the Irish Constitution.

Even though last year the Irish people spoke and democratically rejected it, the powers that be decided that this was not going to be accepted. On the morning of last year's count, An Taoiseach and Foreign Minister Michael Martin told the other EU Governments to ignore their own people's vote and to continue with ratifying Lisbon.

CREATING FEAR

This year, in the midst of the economic crisis, they are confident that people are afraid enough to vote on something they have never read. These are the same politicians who encouraged mass

borrowing, who created the housing bubble, and who recently bailed out the banks at the tax-payer's expense.

They don't have your best interests at heart, just profit and power. This is exactly what Lisbon represents. Power to be taken out of the hands of the People and put into the hands of fewer, less accountable, unelected politicians.

Absolute power over our fundamental rights, such as the right to a fair trial, children's rights, and abortion law being handed over to the EU Court of Justice. Taking power away from Ireland's TDs, and signing it over to the unelected European Commission, who will propose all European laws, superseding any conflicting Irish laws.

What use then is having an Irish Constitution if the new Treaty on the EU has primacy over it in any conflicting areas? What value has our Irish citizenship when it is demoted to a secondary status, next to our new legally binding EU Citizenship? Europe will have no reason to listen to Ireland's concerns about farming, fishing and unemployment when our voting power is halved to 0.8%, while Germany's doubles to 17%.

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Was it worth it?

October 2nd 2009 may be the death of the hard-fought-for Irish Constitution. It would have barely reached the tender age of 72.

The very nature of the Lisbon Treaty, which is really the EU Constitution, will wipe out all national constitutions if it is ratified on October 2nd. Was it worth the sacrifice, the suffering and the many dead?

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SITTING IN
GOVERNMENT
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NATION SINKS INTO
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Some Important Facts about the **LISBON TREATY**

Stuff the mainstream media forgot to tell you!

Lisbon would be a giant step in turning the EU into a supranational Federal-style State, in which Ireland would effectively be reduced to regional or provincial status.

ECONOMIC CRISIS

All 27 EU Members are in economic crisis. Ireland is worse than most because of the borrowing binge, housing bubble and Bank bail-outs which were encouraged by the same golden circle of politicians and bankers as are now bringing us Lisbon Two.

The crisis makes Lisbon's model of a deregulated, privatised, let-it-rip EU economy quite out-of-date. Lisbon's proposal to give the Big States from 50-100% more voting power in the EU, while halving Ireland's voting power to 0.8% would be economically disastrous for us in face of the economic crisis, as Brussels, Frankfurt and the Big EU States insist on savage cut-backs being imposed on the Irish economy.

EMPTY THREATS

There is no question of Ireland being sidelined or pushed out of the EU or the euro-currency if we stand by our No to Lisbon. As Ireland's EU Commissioner Charlie McCreevy said in Hot Press last December: "There is no provision in the existing treaties to isolate anybody. There is no provision to throw out anybody, unless unanimously all the existing members of the club agreed to throw you out. And I doubt, now or in the future, any Irish Government is going to unanimously agree to throw themselves out."

SAME TREATY - DIFFERENT NAME

Not a dot or comma of the Lisbon Treaty will be changed for Lisbon Two. If Lisbon comes into force it will be interpreted by the EU Court of Justice and not on the basis of political declarations by

the EU Prime Ministers and Presidents. These do not change anything in the Treaty and are not legally binding as part of EU law. Promises of changes to suit Ireland in some future EU Treaty cannot pull back on anything in the Lisbon Treaty once it is in force. The EU Prime Ministers state that they "will clarify but not change either the content or the application of the Treaty of Lisbon", which only the EU Court can decide on (Summit Conclusions 19-6-2009).

As pro-Lisbon journalist James Downey has written: The antis are right about one thing, if one thing only. Any guarantees we may get on their concerns will be irrelevant, or worthless, or both." (Irish Independent, 21-3-2009)

RESPECT IRISH VOTE

The Lisbon Treaty is the new legal form of the EU Constitution which French and Dutch voters rejected in their 2005 referendums. Irish voters rejected it in last year's referendum by 53% to 47%. All genuine democrats, including Yes-side voters, should respect that vote as the French and Dutch Governments did. Respecting it would have meant Taoiseach Brian Cowen telling partners that Ireland could not ratify Lisbon because the Irish people had voted No to it, so there was no point in their continuing to ratify it as EU Treaties must be unanimous.

Instead Taoiseach Cowen and Foreign Minister Martin told the other EU Governments on the morning of last year's count to ignore their own people's vote and to continue with ratifying Lisbon. They persuaded their EU colleagues that they could get the Irish people to overturn their democratic No vote in a second referendum on exactly the same Treaty, if they got enough support from France,

Germany etc. in the form of statements about Ireland's concerns, even though the Treaty is unchanged.

FEDERAL STATE

Lisbon would be a giant step in turning the EU into a supranational Federal-style State, in which Ireland would effectively be reduced to regional or provincial status. It would give Government Ministers and the Big EU States huge new powers, while taking power away from ordinary citizens across the EU, and from the National Parliaments they elect. Because of our Constitution, only Ireland is being allowed a vote on it. Only we Irish can save democracy in the EU by refusing to allow ourselves be pressurised into overturning our rejection of Lisbon in 2008. If we vote No again in Lisbon Two we hold the door open to our fellow countrymen and women in Northern Ireland and give them the chance of having a say in a UK referendum next year.

DENY CITIZEN VOTE

France's President Sarkozy and EU Commissioner Charlie McCreevy have admitted that if Lisbon were put to referendum in other EU countries their voters would reject it too. Although opinion polls show that people in most Member States want to decide for themselves whether they should be put under an EU Constitution which would override their National Constitutions, the EU Prime Ministers refused to allow referendums. This does not bode well for the future of democracy in the EU.

UK REFERENDUM

There is now a race in time between the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty, which would greatly increase the power of the Big States and the Brussels Commission in the EU, and the coming to office of a new Government in Britain by next May. Labour's Gordon Brown broke Tony Blair's promise to give the British people a referendum. David Cameron's policy is to hold a referendum on Lisbon in the UK and recommend a No vote to it to the British people – so long as we Irish do not change our No vote of last year and thereby bring Lisbon and the new undemocratic EU it would create into being for all 27 EU Member States first.



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ISOLATION LIE

The pro-Lisbon campaigners would have you believe that Europe is giving us another "chance to get it right" and that without it, Ireland will be cast out of Europe. This is a lie, we will remain full EU members, whether we vote Yes or No.

Therefore, it is not being thrown out of Europe we should be concerned about, but rather being a part of an undemocratic Europe if we vote Yes. A Europe with the probable new EU President, Tony Blair at its helm. A Europe where the People have signed away their right to referendum, so the unelected Commission can pass any law without consultation with or interference from the People. A Europe in which Ireland has lost her status as a sovereign state, and become a mere region, a mere province once again. An Ireland in which the laws and rights of the People are decided by a small group of elites from outside of the country.

An Ireland where the People have elected politicians that no longer have any real power, except the right to make "suggestions" to the Commission.

WORTHLESS GUARANTEES

This is the same treaty that was rejected by the peoples of France and Holland, and the exact same treaty that the Irish rejected last year. This time around, it is being presented to us undemocratically, with so-called "guarantees" attached. Each of these guarantees is as good as, or more accurately as worthless as a campaign promise from your local politician, as they are not legally binding. They are merely words to placate us, as any change to the Lisbon Treaty would require it to be re-ratified by the other 26 member states. Every statement that the Government has made to alleviate our concerns, is irrelevant under the new Europe. Even leaving aside the fact that this is a self-amending treaty, and the Commission and President can change any part of the treaty without requiring a vote,

the Commission's laws and the EU Court of Justice's Charter of Fundamental rights will still be legally binding and supersede our law and "guarantees".

500 million Europeans have been denied the opportunity to vote on the Lisbon Treaty. These same people praised Ireland's courage to stand up to power-hungry politicians and make her voice heard. This year, even more so, we must reject the insult that is Lisbon Two, in favour of freedom for the people of Europe and of Ireland.

by Alan Keenan

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF DECEPTION: EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

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Even a brief look at the history of the evolution of the European Union confirms that the strategy of its architects has always been to move discreetly and slowly, yet deftly and surely, towards the eventual goal of total political integration within a federalist superstate.

Jean Monnet, considered the chief 'father' of the European project, was a fervent internationalist. He was first assistant secretary general of the League of Nations but departed in frustration at the inability of it to function supranationally due to the national veto.

Monnet's approach to European integration consisted of gradually escalating the commitments of member states: he called it "gearing"-gradually moving up gears until total control lay in the hands of the oligarchic political elite at the governing centre, some of whom would be elected, some non-elected, yet all united by their belief in European integration.

Booker and North describe two principles of engrenage - **gearing** - in their book, *The Great Deception: Can the European Union Survive?*, "The principle of engrenage would be applied through three main strategies. The first was to use the powers already ceded through the Treaty [of

Rome] to make laws, reinforced by the judgments of the new European Court of Justice. This was crucially important because each time a new power or '**competence**' agreed in the treaties was exercised in passing a new law or regulation, this would have the effect of transferring power in that policy area from nation states to supranational authority. The second principle of engrenage would

vocabulary. The word federal was reserved as the political equivalent of Latin for the rare religious occasion. Even supranational . . . tended to be used only when another fig-leaf could not be found. The idea of a Europe in some sense above the nations was no longer stated in the open."

(Jean Monnet: *The First Statesman of Interdependence*, pg 256)

The crisis of political authority partly arises because too many governments for too long have lied to the people about the nature of European integration...

be to pressure national governments into extending the integration process into areas not covered by the Rome Treaty." (pgs 107-108)

Francois Duchene, who was Monnet's close associate, friend and biographer, described what happened in the aftermath of the collapse in 1954 of the European Defence Community, which Monnet designed: "**Awareness that the French would have to be coaxed into further progress introduced caution into the European**

From that moment on, though, the agenda remained identical - total political integration within a supranational federation - but it would be presented publicly as mere economic integration. In an article written in 1962 for a select readership, Monnet himself was quite clear about just how efficacious this method was proving to be: "**We can see the communist revolution because it has been violent . . . But we tend to miss the magnitude of the change in Europe because it is**

taking place by the constitutional and democratic methods which govern our countries." (*A Ferment of Change*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*)

Monnet founded the Action Committee for the United States of Europe on 13 October 1955, which was set up precisely to influence governments behind the scenes, away from the kind of public scrutiny which had led to the collapse of the EDC. Monnet and his close collaborator Spaak retained the same goals but they changed their approach. As elitists and technocrats, the fact that they were proceeding by stealth and deceiving en masse the people of Europe was of no concern to them.

Another architect of European integration, Altiero Spinelli, whose hour would come later, also conceded that it would be impossible to integrate Europe democratically. As Nicholas Haigiger wrote in *The Syndicate: 'A constitution for a "United States of Europe"'* was first proposed in a manifesto by a young Italian Communist Altiero Spinelli (after whom the main building in the EU parliament in Brussels is now named) in 1944. Spinelli admitted that his United States of Europe would not come about democratically, but would have to be implemented gradually without the peoples of Europe grasping what was happening until they were

presented with a constitution.' Even pro-European Union academics admit this. Jean Monnet Professor at the University of Hull and Brussels, Juliet Lodge, wrote in a paper entitled 'What's wrong with European Democracy?' "*The crisis of political authority partly arises because too many governments for too long have lied to the people about the nature of European integration.*"

European integration may often rely on economics as a vehicle to propel the process along but the creation of a European Union is a political process. European integration always was a political venture par excellence. **The political objective must be spelt out and made clear. There must be no more fudging of the quintessential political intent and goal.**" [Emphasis added]

However the professor's admonition wasn't listened to, since the same approach continues today. The Lisbon Treaty was presented as something entirely different to the European Constitution, which preceded it, despite being 90% the same in terms of content. It was framed as a treaty and no longer called a constitution precisely in order to avoid the need for national referendums. **Only in Ireland were EU leaders still presented with the problem of having to ask an European electorate for their opinion on further integration.**

European Commissioners Fail to Protect Irish Drinking Water.

By Robert Pocock

Since the retention of our commissioner is hyped by the Lisbon Treaty enthusiasts as vital to protect our interests in Europe, one can reasonably ask how protected have consumers here actually been by our recent commissioners?

Take the addition of fluoride to the drinking water of three million people here in Ireland under a bizarre and most controversial law dating from 1960 and involving a practice wholly discredited today by 500 million people in the rest of Europe.

Fluoridation contravenes not just the Drinking Water Directive (98/83/EC) but several other directives aimed at protecting consumers, their health and the environment. Water supply plants are strictly forbidden from increasing the level of pollution of the source water used for drinking water, yet incredibly that is exactly what is done in over 400 public water supplies in Ireland. Why? Because the fluoride chemical used, fluorosilicic acid, is a waste by-product of phosphate production. Indeed its production is so polluting that EU environmental legislation forbids it from being emitted into either air, surface water or the ecosystem!

But appeals to the Commission to force Ireland to comply with the directive fell on the deaf ears of the Swedish commissioner responsible, Margot Wallstrom. Her inaction was deeply ironic since Sweden was one of the first of many European countries to ban fluoridation, in 1972 just as the Irish government was steam-rolling it out country-wide. She was not alone in failing to protect Irish people from this pollutant --- our Irish Commissioner Byrne did nothing either. It

took him an incredible six months to supply an evasive answer to an MEP question on this threat to Irish drinking water, even though he was then the commissioner responsible for food safety in Europe.

Several other key directives are also infringed and MEPs in the European Parliament's influential Environment Committee have repeatedly raised questions about the medicinal legality of fluoridation. The Irish government has always made the medical claim that it prevents tooth decay in children, yet the form of fluoride added to drinking water has no legal approval in Europe under the applicable directive.

The Medicines Directive (2004/27/EC) requires any substance for which a medical claim is made to possess a product authorisation. Not alone does the fluoride added to Irish water have no such product authorisation, but this same substance has never even been risk assessed by either the Food Safety Authority of Ireland or the European Food Safety Authority. At this very moment, with three million consumers in Ireland at risk, the Commissioner responsible for enforcing the Medicines Directive, Guenter Verheugen, stands idly by.

Another hands-off Commissioner when it comes to Irish drinking water is Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas, who is accountable for waste regulation. The Waste Directive (91/689/EEC) prohibit the disposal of waste into the environment, including presumably water, without a prescribed waste disposal licence. Earlier this year the Commission was asked how it allowed the Irish government to force a hazardous waste, fluorosilicic acid, into drinking water in defiance of the directive. The Waste Directive (Annex II, Class 20) lists fluorosilicic acid as hazardous



waste on three separate grounds -- its toxicity (H6), corrosiveness (H8) and the release of toxic gas in contact with an acid (H12), yet 9,000 litres of it is dosed into most Irish public drinking water every day.

Could there be a more striking example of the Commission's negligence than its tolerance of the daily contamination of nine billion litres of 'potable' Irish water by what one of the EU's own directives declares to be 'hazardous waste'? When Commissioner Verheugen recently pleaded weakly that fluorosilicic acid could not be hazardous waste, the excuse he offered was that it was a drinking water additive! This absurd claim by a senior Commissioner and vice-president of the Commission has prompted the new European eco-teaser "*When is EU hazardous waste not hazardous waste? When it is added to Irish drinking water*".

After all these years of having our commissioner at the heart of Europe, how could they each have so spectacularly failed to protect Irish consumers from this pollutant in their drinking water? Despite having a variety of powerful and long-established directives to hand to do just that, our Commissioner has simply failed to implement them, in order to protect the Irish government.

What then is the purpose of having our own Commissioner if all he or she does is to cover up Irish government policy no matter how obsolete, dysfunctional and unprotective of the people it is? More to the point, why does the European Commission itself not enforce the very directives designed to protect human health and the environment, particularly since MEPs and campaigners in Ireland have repeatedly requested this since 1999?

13 CRUCIAL FACTS ABOUT POST-LISBON EU

1 It would radically shift control of the EU towards the Big States by basing EU law-making post-Lisbon primarily on population size, just as in any State. At present EU laws are made on the basis of a 'double majority' system - a simple majority of the 27 EU States (14 or more), as long as between them they have a weighted majority of 255 out of a total of 345 votes (Art.205 TEC; *Declaration on Enlargement*). Under this system the Big States have 29 votes each and Ireland has 7. Under Lisbon EU laws would be made by a majority of States (at least 55%, 15 or more), as long as they have 65% of the total EU population between them (Art.16 TEU). This change would double Germany's voting power in making EU laws from its present 8% to 17%, increase Britain's, France's and Italy's from 8% each to 12% each, while halving Ireland's vote to 0.8%. Instead of the Big States having 4 times Ireland's voting weight, as now, under Lisbon Germany would have 20 times and France, Britain and Italy 15 times each. **The Government White Paper tells an untruth** when it speaks of the "*change to a double majority voting system in the Council*"(p.44). A double majority of both States and weighted votes exists for EU laws today. What Lisbon does is to replace the weighted votes by population size as the key criterion for future EU law-making - thereby hugely advantaging the Big States at the expense of the Small.

2 It would abolish our present right to "*propose*" and decide who Ireland's Commissioner is (Art 214 TEC), by replacing it with a right to make "*suggestions*" only for the incoming Commission President and the Big States to decide (Art.17.7 TEU). The EU Prime Ministers have promised each State a permanent Commissioner, but what is the point of us continuing to have an Irish Commissioner post-Lisbon when the Irish Government can no longer decide who that Commissioner would be? **The Government White Paper makes no mention of this shift from a bottom-up to a top-down appointment process.**

3 Would abolish the European Community which Ireland joined in 1973 and replace it with a legally new European Union in the constitutional form of an EU Federation. This post-Lisbon EU would for the first time be legally separate from and superior to its 27 Member States and would sign international treaties with other States in all areas of its powers (Arts.1 and 47 TEU; *Declaration 17 concerning Primacy*). In constitutional terms Lisbon would thereby turn Ireland into a regional or provincial state within this new Federal-style European Union, with the EU's Constitution and laws having legal primacy over the Irish Constitution and laws in any cases of conflict between the two. Ireland would thus formally cease to be a sovereign independent State in its own right in the international community of States and be like a provincial state inside an EU Federation.

4 It would turn us into real citizens of the constitutionally Federal post-Lisbon European Union, owing obedience to its laws and loyalty to its authority over and above our obedience and loyalty to Ireland and the Irish Constitution and laws in the event of any conflict between the two. One can only be a citizen of a State and all States must have citizens. The Irish people were not that happy when they were citizens of the UK State. Although as citizens of the post-Lisbon Federal EU we would still keep our Irish citizenship, this would be subordinate to our EU citizenship and to the rights and duties attaching to that in any cases of conflict between the two (Art.9 TEU).

5 It would give the EU Court of Justice the power to decide our human rights by making the *EU Charter of Fundamental Rights* legally binding for the first time (Art.6 TEU). This would give power to the EU judges to lay down a uniform standard of rights for the 500 million citizens of the post-Lisbon Union in the name of their common EU citizenship in the years to come. It would open the possibility of clashes with national human rights standards in sensitive areas where Member States differ from one another at present, e.g. property and inheritance rights, trial by jury, the presumption of innocence, *habeas corpus*, legalising hard drugs, euthanasia, abortion, labour law, succession law, marriage law, children's rights etc. Ireland's Supreme Court and the Strasbourg Court of Human Rights would no longer have the final say on what our fundamental rights are.

6 It would abolish the national veto that Ireland has at present in over 30 new policy areas by handing over to the EU the power to make laws binding on us as regards public services, crime, justice, policing, immigration, energy, transport, tourism, sport, culture, public health, the EU budget, international moves on climate change etc.

7 It would reduce the power of National Parliaments to decide 49 policy areas or matters by shifting their powers to the EU, and increase the influence of the European Parliament in making EU laws in 19 new areas (See euabc.eu for the two lists).

8 It would be a self-amending Treaty in that it would permit the EU Prime Ministers and Presidents to shift most remaining EU policy areas where unanimity is required and a national veto still exists - for example on tax harmonisation - to qualified majority voting on the EU Council of Ministers, without the need of further EU Treaties or referendums (Art.48 TEU). Lisbon would also extend the so-called 'Flexibility

Clause', which allows the EU to take action and adopt measures to attain one of the EU's objectives even if '*the Treaties have not provided the necessary powers*', to all areas of the Treaty and not just the internal market rules as at present (Art.352 TFEU). This would open the floodgates to more political integration, i.e. centralisation, by means of this article, which is already widely used.

9 It would permit the post-Lisbon EU to impose its own EU-wide taxes directly on us for the first time in order to raise its own resources for the EU itself, without the need of further EU Treaties or referendums (Art.311 TFEU).

10 It would copperfasten the Laval and related judgements of the EU Court of Justice, which put the competition rules of the EU market above the right of trade unions to enforce pay standards higher than the minimum for migrant workers. At the same time Lisbon would give the EU full control of immigration policy (Art.79 TFEU).

11 It would amend the existing treaties to give the EU exclusive power as regards rules on foreign direct investment (Arts.206-7 TFEU) and give the EU Court of Justice the power to order the harmonisation of national indirect taxes if it judges that these cause a '*distortion of competition*' (Art.113 TFEU, *Protocol 27 on the Internal Market and Competition*). These steps would threaten Ireland's 12.5% company profits tax.

12 It would enable the 27 EU Prime Ministers to appoint an EU President for up to five years without allowing voters any say as to who he or she would be, thereby abolishing the present six-month rotating EU presidencies (Art.15 TEU).

13 It would militarize the EU further, requiring Member States 'progressively to improve their military capabilities' (Art.42.3 TEU) and to aid and assist other Member States experiencing armed attack 'by all the means in their power' (Art.42.7 TEU).

TEU= Treaty on European Union as amended by the Lisbon Treaty
TFEU= Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union as amended by the Lisbon Treaty.

These two Treaties together would become the Constitution of the new post-Lisbon European Union.

TEC=Treaty establishing the European Community

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Treaties Leading up to EU Constitution

- 1951:** The Process began when the *Treaty of Paris* created the European Steel and Coal Community (ESCC)
- 1957:** The formation of the *European Common Market* or *European Economic Community* (EEC) under the *Treaties of Rome*, was intended to create economic integration between Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Seemingly, at the time, this was a beneficial arrangement intended to streamline trade between these sovereign nations. The EEC grew in member states over the next 4 decades, Ireland joining in 1973.
- 1986:** The EEC then passed *The Single European Act* which revised the Treaties of Rome that aimed toward flexing greater political muscle in preparation for Maastricht Treaty.
- 1992:** 7 February the *Maastricht Treaty* was signed creating the *European Union* and leading to the creation of an international currency called the Euro, gradually taking control of each member nation's economy. There are currently 27 member states in the European Union.
- 1997:** The *Amsterdam Treaty* introduced measures for expansion to include more Eastern European nations and increase power to the EU.
- 2001:** The *Treaty of Nice* introduced more measures for Eastern expansion and integration.
- 2005:** The *Treaty Establishing a Constitution for Europe* sought to replace the previous treaties with a new single *European Constitution*. The ratification process was halted because the Dutch and French populations voted NO.
- 2008:** The *Lisbon Treaty* is the repackaged EU Constitution. Despite the change in name it still contains 96-98% of the 2005 Constitution for Europe, which the French and the Dutch people rejected. The Irish people voted NO, therefore the ratification process should be halted, but has not been.

Architecture of a Totalitarian State

THE NON-DEMOCRATIC POWER STRUCTURE OF POST-LISBON EU



THE PRESIDENT

Undemocratically selected by the EU Council. He will hold the position of President for 2½ years, renewable once. Therefore he could be the President of the EU for up to 5 years. The selection process takes place behind closed doors and in secret by the 27 members of the EU Council.

Some EU leaders, particularly Sarkozy and Gordon Brown have strongly been pushing for Tony Blair as first post-Lisbon EU President.

After having masterminded the Iraq war, resulting in the deaths of millions of innocent men, women and children, and stirring up a never-ending 'War on Terror' in the Middle East, this war-monger is then presented to the world as the best possible choice to take the reins of the new EU Superstate. Men and women of Ireland, this man could be your next President!

THE EU COUNCIL

Made up of the 27 leaders of all the member states. It is the EU Council which decides from behind the scenes in secret meetings who becomes President. Council members decide on their own what amendments may be made to the Lisbon treaty and they have the ultimate power to make those amendments as they wish, without any referendum.

The EU Council also chooses who will be President of the Commission, again without any referendum.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Made up of the national ministers such as the Ministers for Agriculture, Ministers for Finance etc The Council of Ministers are the ones who vote on all the laws based on the proposals from the Commission. They also vote on certain laws based on Qualified Majority Voting (QMV) which gives Member States a voting weight based on population size under Lisbon. Our voting weight will be reduced from 2% to 0.8% while Germany's will double to 17%. This will lead to a big increase in power to the bigger states.

THE COMMISSION

The Commission currently has 27 Commissioners, one from each Member State. This powerful unelected body is the only institution which can propose a new law. These laws originate from thousands of secret working groups within the Commission, with many conflicts of interest.

Currently each national parliament selects a Commissioner, however if Lisbon is passed the national parliaments may only suggest a Commissioner which can be rejected. The number of Commissioners will also be reduced to less than the number of Member States, with appointments on a rotational basis.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

This is the only directly elected body in the EU and has the least power. MEPs are only allowed to suggest amendments to laws and vote to block laws from the Council of Ministers. They cannot propose any new laws and their amendments may be ignored.

A ONE-PARTY SUPERSTATE

In 2004, ex French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing chaired a group that designed the EU Constitution that was planned many decades earlier but was now the final step in the process of transforming the EU member nations into a Federal Continental Superstate, with the former "member States" becoming mere provinces or regions within a new European "nation". Stripping each former nation of its sovereignty, national identity, democracy and right of referendum. It would have replaced previous treaties and prevailed over the existing national constitutions within the European Union.

This new "Constitution for Europe" was submitted to the member states for ratification in 2005. However the Dutch and the French people - who were permitted at the time by their governments to have a referendum - voted NO.

REPACKAGED & UNREADABLE

Consequently in 2007 this "Constitution for Europe" was then repackaged and renamed "the Lisbon Treaty", removing the word "constitution" and retaining 96-98% of what the Dutch and the French populations rejected in the original EU Constitution. The major difference was that instead of replacing the previous treaties, as did the European Constitution, the Treaty of Lisbon sought to totally change them by means of hundreds of amendments. The very nature of this process made the Lisbon Treaty totally unreadable, true to d'Estaing's words. In fact Jens-Peter Bonde - former Danish MEP - stated at a recent conference that not one of the national leaders who have ratified the Treaty have actually read it. Quite simply, the Treaty is unreadable - by design.

Nevertheless, it was submitted to the member states in June 2008 for ratification. This time, however, the Dutch and French populations were not given the vote. Their governments betrayed them and ratified the treaty without their consent. However, the Irish people voted NO this time round.

REFERENDUM

Ireland is the only member nation out of all the 27 EU members that is constitutionally required to depend on a referendum of the people. This is because the Irish constitution demands it, for it would require an amendment to the Irish Constitution allowing the Lisbon Treaty to prevail over it. All amendments to the



"Public opinion will be led to adopt, without knowing it, the proposals that we dare not present to them directly..."

"All the earlier proposals will be in the new text, but will be hidden and disguised in some way."

"What was [already] difficult to understand will become utterly incomprehensible, but the substance has been retained."

*Words of Valéry Giscard d'Estaing -
Former French President
Headed committee that wrote the Lisbon Treaty*

Irish Constitution must be by referendum of the people, and the people said NO. And they meant it. Unfortunately the Irish voice has not been heard so our Government are forcing the people yet again to vote for the Lisbon treaty on the 2nd October 2009.

The Lisbon Treaty must be ratified by ALL 27 member states to come into effect. If just one nation votes NO then the Lisbon Treaty cannot be fully ratified, saving the entire European population from the shackles of a dictatorship.

The Constitution of Ireland (Bunreacht na hÉireann)

The Constitution of Ireland came into force on 29 December 1937 after having been passed by a national plebiscite the previous July. The Constitution is the second constitution of independent Ireland and replaced the Constitution of the Irish Free State.

It establishes an independent state based on a system of representative democracy and guarantees certain fundamental rights, along with a popularly elected president, a separation of powers and judicial review. The constitution may only be amended by referendum. There have been 27 proposals for amendments to the Irish constitution since its birth in 1937, 24 of those amendments were ratified by public referendum and the constitution has been updated accordingly.

The writing of the Irish constitution was overseen by Eamon de Valera and the first translation was in Irish, and was translated by Micheál Ó Griobhtha and Risteárd Ó Foghludha. It was then translated into English by John Hearn.

The English translation was curiously very inaccurate to the literal Irish translation, there are fundamental differences when compared to directly translated Irish text which can significantly change the meaning of certain portions of the Constitution. This has since been remedied by the work of Constitutional expert Micheál Ó Cearúil who has written a direct word for word translation of the Irish text into English and we find many areas that need to be corrected and which should have been done a long time ago. This publication is available as a PDF ebook and is free to download from www.sovereignindependent.com/downloads. We will present more indepth information regarding the Constitution of Ireland in the next issue of Sovereign Independent.

++++ IRISH RESOURCES ROBBED FROM THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND +++++

The Shocking Story of the Surrender of Our Fishing Waters: A Continental Coup

By Michael O'Driscoll

It is worth remembering when vested interests remind you yet again of the structural funds we received from the European Union what we ourselves as a nation have given to the EU. Namely, our entire fishing waters, which was the admission price for entry.

This is one of the most outrageous aspects of our membership of the European Union, the story of which is detailed in Booker and North's *The Great Deception: Can the European Union Survive?* The seas surrounding Britain and Ireland are among the world's richest fishing waters. They belonged to the four applicant countries in the early seventies to the then European Community: Britain, Ireland, Denmark and Norway. They amount to 90% of Europe's fisheries. In the initial negotiations for membership, no mention was made of a common fisheries policy for the simple reason that it didn't exist.

But in the months preceding the membership applications lawyers at the Council of Ministers were instructed to search for a legal basis in the Treaty of Rome for giving equal access rights to these waters to all member states. The Council's lawyers made no less than six attempts to find a legal basis for such a policy in the articles of the Treaty. Article 38 1 is the only place that there is any reference to fish in the whole Treaty but Council lawyers were forced to conclude that strict exegesis showed that the article could *"not cover anything outside the products of fishery and not fisheries themselves."* They made various further attempts to read a common access principle retrospectively into the Treaty's articles without success.

Despite their lack of success, and the absence of any legal foundation, a regulation was drafted defining the *"equal access"* principle, which was made a condition for



entry into the European Community. This gave equal access to all member states right up to the beaches. Ironically, during the same period, a United Nations conference had extended national control of fisheries to 200 miles, which meant that Britain and Ireland controlled 85pc of Europe's fishery waters.

Ordinary citizens of applicant countries, consequently, were tricked into surrendering access to their own waters by unscrupulous persons within the Community, facilitated by these applicant countries' own leaders. Members' applications were viewed as an opportunity to replenish the fishing stocks of France, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

It must be repeated that there was no legal foundation or requirement in the Treaty of Rome, the legal framework governing then EC policies, for the surrender of our fishery waters. The story of the machiavellian legal and political manoeuvres that were employed to bring about this deceptive continental coup only emerged from files released by the British Foreign Office in 2000, which detailed the secret instructions given to Council lawyers to search out a means for facilitating the appropriation of member states' property.

Mr Brendan O'Kelly tried to warn the Government of the consequences of surrendering our fishing waters on the terms

offered in 1971. Mr O'Kelly, former chairman and chief executive of Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM), presided over a total revamping of the industry, which was in fact going through somewhat of a boom at the time, as *The Irish Times* reported (30/12/95) in an overview of Mr O'Kelly's attempts to warn the Government of the consequences of surrendering our fishing waters, an immensely valuable and renewable natural resource, on such terms.

Mr O'Kelly moved to BIM in 1962 and oversaw a rapid development in the industry, which involved signing protocols with Norway, Poland and France, granting finance in exchange for Irish vessels being constructed in their shipyards. During JFK's visit an Irish-US marine research project was signed, and the *Times* adds that the *British Journal* could state by 1968 that Ireland was *"turning to fisheries development with the zest that she once poured into politics. She is rediscovering her national wealth... and has just begun to understand how valuable her rich fishing waters could be."*

In an interview with *The Sunday Press* in November 1971, Mr O'Kelly pointed out that the annual growth rate of Ireland's fishing industry was greater than other EU countries and its value to GNP was on a par with three of the other applicant countries while exceeding the other two. Mr O'Kelly, who was an advisor to Dr Patrick Hillery, then Minister for Foreign Affairs, was part of the delegation sent to Brussels to secure terms under the Common Fishery Policy. The night he arrived in Brussels he received a message from Dr Hillery informing him that he was not welcome on the delegation (as a result of his interview). He flew home the following morning. The terms secured were later roundly criticised in the *Dail*. But by then of course it was too late.

The sorry saga of Shell's proposed Corrib Project in north Mayo is now in its tenth year. Since the beginning of the 2nd millennium, the challenges from Shell/Statoil and their facilitators in successive governments to Erris and its people (together with their national and international supporters) have followed Nigerian worst practice rather than Norwegian best practice. It is disquieting to bear witness to the abdication by this State of its statutory duties to its people and its fawning acceptance of the wishes of big corporations.

The people of Erris and elsewhere who have rightfully questioned the economic, environmental and health and safety aspects of Corrib have, instead of answers, got beaten, vilified and imprisoned. What began as the expression of concerns regarding health and safety of people and integrity of environment developed through research to highlight the scandalous terms governing the country's Natural Resources. In 1987 Ray Burke, against the advice of his senior civil servants, and following private meetings with oil company executives, abolished the State's 50% stake in future oil/gas finds and, for good measure, abolished royalty payments. In 1992, Bertie Ahern introduced a favourable Corporation Tax rate of 25% along with the concept of Frontier Licences, which allowed the oil companies to sit on vast offshore acreages of potential

reserves while the technology was developed to extract them. Oil companies, by their nature, play a long game in pursuit of fossil fuels at best return to themselves – this benighted state, in contrast, due to the fools or knaves in charge of its governance, does not act for the furtherance of the common good.

At the time of writing, this country is awash with problems – a burst construction bubble, ruinous unemployment, dwindling exchequer returns, crises in health, education and social welfare provision; the NAMA imponderable which will affect this and unborn generations in an as yet unquantified manner. In the corner stands the elephant that nobody in 'Official Ireland' wishes to acknowledge – the question of the giveaway of our natural resources at a time of urgent economic need. We are second only to Cameroon at the bottom of the league table on benefit to the state from its own resources. It beggars belief that the vulnerable in our society are to be penalised for the greedy mistakes of others when it lies within the political remit of this government to properly manage the country's natural resources for the common good. It is facile to argue that contracts with oil companies cannot be renegotiated when every social contract entered into by FF/GP has been scrapped to save the banks and developers and, in the case of Corrib, there is sufficient cause to so do given documented breaches of claimed consents, e.g. illegal welding

of pipeline and illegal boreholes in an area supposedly protected by EU Directives.

To many people, the story of Corrib is spun as a case of Luddite farmers and fishermen (with the odd 'mad' teacher thrown in) fighting against 'Progress' because they don't know any better – and sure a few bob will settle them anyway! This is not surprising given the role of RTE as a public service broadcasting company that rarely upsets the State and the 87% ownership of print media in this country by Tony O'Reilly, who also happens to own the oil/gas company Providence Resources that has valuable acreage off the southwest coast.

The Corrib Gas Field is not just a medium-sized gas field in the middle of nowhere. It is the conduit, through a carefully choreographed planning process, for the rape of this country's oil and gas that rightfully belongs to the people of Ireland. The people of Erris know this; it is no fault of theirs that media spin by self-interested parties has prevented the wider public from being informed of what is really happening in this corner of

north Mayo. It is not the first time in our short period of nationhood that we've been lied to, but it behoves us all to ensure that it's the last.

Eamon Ryan's department puts a figure of potential recoverable reserves at 130 million barrels of oil and 50 TCF (trillion cubic feet) of gas when 'promoting' the offshore area to oil companies. That is academic since the oil companies have known for a long time what the potential is and, since the early '80's, have played their long-term game to gain control and management of what rightfully belongs to the Irish people. However, using the above information, it is possible to put a conservative value of €540 BILLION on the potential recoverable reserves of oil and gas off our coasts. Until the scandal that is daily played out in Erris is addressed, all that will accrue to the Irish people will be small change from the oil company's coffers. This is already to be seen in Erris where Shell presents as the Great White Hope with a few scholarships, a few bob for the GAA and the golf club and more for any few who form a group willing to take the shilling (one such group called

itself the Doohoma Cemetary Restoration Committee – despite repeated enquiries including sending a registered letter, it was not possible to find out who they were).

At a recent meeting in Galway to discuss the question of Irish Resources, Éamon Ó Cuiv admitted that €49 million has been spent since October 2006 in 'policing' the Corrib sites for Shell. So, not alone has the gas been given away, in a manner which one could suggest constitutes 'stealing by finding' for the oil companies but the cops are helping the robbers!

It is imperative for the future of this country that control of our natural resources is regained for the benefit of the Irish people. There should be an immediate suspension of the proposed Corrib Project pending a full independent, international inquiry into all its aspects – economic, environmental, health and safety and human rights. It is the only reasonable answer to the currently unreasonable events in north Mayo.

The Sorry Saga of Shell

By Maura Harrington

Yes Camp's False Claims and Flimsy Evidence

By Paul Flynn

The Yes side make many bold statements on how good Lisbon will be for the Irish economy but always fail to give any evidence such as text from the treaties and something other than the roads built many years ago.

We must start to look for evidence of the claims made. We are at such an important and vital part in our country's future in terms of its economy that to take claims made by politicians at face value is beyond irresponsible. I will not be telling you how to vote in October, but I will ask you to look at the facts, not political claims, and make an informed decision on how to vote. It is too important to let anything get in the way of that.

Anytime I watch a "Yes" debate on Irish television I have noticed how it's the economy mentioned over and over, with phrases like *"at the heart of Europe"* repeated like a broken record. Is it normal for every guest to blindly support something they have never read? When consensus is reached so uniformly in this way, we as a critical thinking public must be asking: are they only inviting people on who support Lisbon, or is the fear of not going in the direction of the status quo making these people follow without so much as even questioning one part of the document? The point I'm ultimately making is that in the course of a document that is hundreds of pages long, that is almost impossible for most people to comprehend, and we the people will have no vote or say after this on any future changes to the treaty agreement, none of the politicians from any major party have raised any questions on the content of the treaty. To me at least that seems strange at best.

GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY? Does this claim have any basis in reality or is it just mischievous propaganda? Well let us see does it fill the criteria that one would expect when dealing with this issue.

The first thing we would need to improve our economy would be more voting rights and power over our destiny as an Island. Under the Lisbon Treaty these voting rights in the Council will be **halved**. While the larger countries such as Germany, Italy and France gain 50-100% more voting rights. Some might argue of course that the larger countries should have more rights based on population size and some might also argue that it is unreasonable for Ireland to expect the same voting rights as under the Nice Treaty. Even if these points held any resonance with anyone who truly loves the sovereignty that we once had or loves the freedoms we will lose, it does not improve our economy. If we believe the "Yes" side's arguments that would also mean that Britain, Germany, France and Spain would somehow look after us as much as

their own population that voted them in. It is fantasy land as they haven't even been able to take care of their own economies. Now with them trying to satisfy their voting public (not us), I'm thinking that maybe we'll be left out in the cold.

When you have other countries deciding your future through laws, regulations or directives it is creating a moral-hazard. *The people making these decisions cannot be removed by the ballot box in Ireland.* Decisions made for this country will be made to a greater extent than in the past. As Hans Gert Pottering, former president of the European Parliament, said in February before the parliament that while 75% of laws come from the EU currently, almost 100% of the laws would come from Brussels after the Lisbon Treaty has been passed. Remember these are not my words, for anyone who wants to believe the serious error made by the Fianna Gael party that only 30% of our laws come from Europe. It has been shown that the percentage of laws from Europe is at least 75% if not higher, as demonstrated by the German Ministry of Justice when they discovered that 84% of German laws originated from Brussels between the years 1998 and 2004.

Surely we must know that when politicians do not need your vote they will not act in your interests but instead be loyal to the institution which employs them. The people you do vote for, i.e. The European Parliament, are powerless. If you are fortunate enough to be in the Taoiseach's constituency, congratulations you have a chance to vote for a man who has 0.8% of a vote on the council. Also the TDs get a vote on who gets this 0.8% of the vote in the European Council. Does this sound like a democracy that could in the future punish public representatives who do not look out for the interests of this country? We have to start asking questions because the yes side do not want you to think about what is in front of you. You must ask yourself why?

MORE JOBS?

The Lisbon Treaty will virtually guarantee the removal of the single biggest draw of jobs to these shores, which is our relatively low corporation tax of 12.5%. In comparison, Germany currently has a corporation tax of 30%. Due to economic circumstances facing the world the larger nations are unlikely to bring this tax in line with Ireland, which would mean Ireland would have to raise its tax rate to that of the rest of Europe, closer to that of Germany's. As Article 113 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union (TFEU) states:

"The Council shall, acting unanimously in accordance with a special legislative procedure and after consulting the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee, adopt provisions for the harmonisation of legislation concerning turnover taxes, excise duties and other forms of indirect to the extent that such harmonisation is necessary to ensure the establishment and the functioning of the internal market and to avoid distortion of competition." [Words in bold added by the Lisbon Treaty]

So currently we have a relatively low cooperation tax rate. A post-Lisbon EU will mean that the multinationals currently in the country would not benefit by remaining here. There will be no benefits for staying here as this very attractive tax rate will have to be increased significantly in order to "avoid distortion of competition".

ICELAND

While both Ireland and Iceland have had banks that have lent well beyond their means, I don't think that is what they want you to imagine. It's the image of two islands off Europe that won't survive without the big guns of Europe theory. Sure why would they need evidence; they are the government; they wouldn't make wild comparisons surely to pass a vote; would they? But that is what they are doing; they are making the Iceland example, an example for all countries who will defy the will of the European elite.

Even if we think we have protection from complete economic collapse from the EU; we do not. They can lend us all the money under the sun; it doesn't make it the right thing to do. What needs to be done is we need to realise we cannot, like other countries, spend our way out of dept. The bailouts across Europe will cripple the real European economy. While the bailouts and the printing of money from the privately owned European Central Bank will keep the nominal value of the European stocks high, the problem comes when the currency loses it value, and inflation becomes a nightmare and destroys the savings of ordinary citizens. In the US especially this reality is becoming all too apparent.

While the banks of Iceland have a huge problem on their hands; for now at least they are not locked into a situation where they have no control of their economic policy. If we hand away more power in our economy (already the fisheries and farming have been taken over and destroyed), we lose the power to change it forever. Do we trust the European elite this much with complete and absolute control of our economy when we will be just a region in this post-Lisbon European Union State? Will we trust them when we have already seen how the loss of the control of our borders has led to the demise of the agricultural and the fisheries sectors in this country? At least Iceland can vote out people who have power. We with a Yes vote will lose that opportunity and theoretically for good.

CONCLUSION

Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman stated in his **"Erin go Broke"** article in the New York Times earlier this year: *"the decisions that put you in this box have been made"*, meaning our fate had already been sealed with our euro zone status. Will a Yes Vote make this bad situation worse and not better? You decide. But do not be bullied into a choice that we will all live to regret and that is theoretically irreversible from people who are trying to further their own personal careers and do not value this country or our constitution.

STOKING UP THE FEAR FACTOR

Dr John Fleetwood

A little common sense and independent thought goes a long way.

I'm sitting here on a nice relaxing Sunday afternoon. I have not made up my slowly disintegrating mind about the upcoming **Lisbon Treaty Part Deux – The Illegal Re-run**, but I am coming to the blatantly obvious conclusion that either somebody is being economical with the truth or we are being lied to. Fear is being generated; fear that if we do not follow the path dictated by the political elite, we will be cast adrift by Europe and left to wallow in our own admirably demonstrated stupidity.

Let me quote the slightly scary ex-President of France, Valarie Giscard D'Estrange – *"Public opinion will be led to adopt, without knowing it, the policies that we would never dare present to them directly"*. These policies are the very same policies the Irish population has rejected time after time. It is that one creepy little statement from the author of the Lisbon Treaty that might finally, ironically tip me into the "no" camp – again. Remember those words when you go to the ballot box.

Our own democratically elected politicians have told us with some smugness that no matter how the Irish voted the first time, the result would be ignored by the EU anyway. There you have it – the EU has broken its own rules because the silly Irish voted "no". The politicians in the other EU countries felt that their electorate could not be trusted to vote "yes" so ratified the treaty themselves, avoiding an inconvenient referendum altogether. It's up to yourself how you are going to vote but I'm fed up with being led about by the nose by some unaccountable little jacked-up bureaucrat in Brussels. The politicians seem to like it though.

FEAR

Let's get back to "fear". Up to two years ago we were living in the most prosperous and healthiest time in the history of the Western world until all of us, except the politicians, the bankers and mega builders, screwed the whole thing up, in my opinion. We live longer, enjoy better health – actually we may be on the cusp of longevity but due to the "culture of fat" any progress has been halted or indeed reversed – and live in a country that, according to the UN, is one of the three most free in the world. Dublin is the friendliest city in Europe – Paris is naturellement the least friendly, and yet people are not only unhappy, they are living in fear.

Has this "fear" trespassed into our own profession? Unfortunately it has. There is a culture of fear in medicine. Practicing "defensive" medicine is an obvious example. Medical fear is being generated by people outside our profession who want to do us harm.

OVER - REACTION?

Does anybody remember the millions of corpses in the global herpes "pandemic" in the 1980s? No I don't either. Does anybody remember the global SARS "pandemic" in the 1990s when there was – I am not making this up – a "Cough Inspection Booth" in the arrivals hall in Dublin Airport? No, didn't think so either. Does anybody remember the fear these created? Yep, so do I, but the threat of an epidemic, like the "epidemic" of CJD was a hoax. Are there mad cows around? There are but they are not necessarily bovine. What about the scare of HIB infection? Thousands of children have had the HIB booster in what surely must be an exaggerated response to a minimal threat. But the perception of a threat was there, the fear was there and this was enough to send the bureaucrats running off hysterically in all directions at once. Did the booster do any harm? Probably not. Did it do any good? Probably not. Was it an example of a wild knee-jerk over-reaction?

Most definitely yes. I get the impression that some of the flu experts are salivating over the long awaited **"pandemic"**. There is a pandemic isn't there? I'm sure there are millions of bodies out there just waiting to be found – maybe not.

And what about the fear of cholesterol? If you don't have a cholesterol of "five" you are in great danger. Big Pharma and researchers are masters of fear. Anti-cholesterol medication is marketed in such a way that you can feel guilty if you do not prescribe them, with barely a shrug towards diet and lifestyle modification.

More contentious is the "fear" of **passive smoking**. Passive smoking is, I suppose, obnoxious, but does it cause deadly diseases? Common sense says yes but even more common sense says otherwise. The smoking ban, noble as it is, has, however, contributed to more pollution on aircraft and consequently more RTIs seen in long-haul passengers and has contributed to the rise in alcohol sales and alcohol-related diseases, I believe. The fear of passive smoking has contributed to more problems than the smoke itself.

What about the fear of radioactivity? Chernobyl is put up there along with Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We all know it's a crock of aforementioned bovine waste, but dare anyone to say otherwise. The fear of being seen as politically incorrect has stifled debate.

And then there is the fear of contracting HIV. If you are a non-HIV drug-abusing male or female heterosexual who does not partake in "risky" sex and does not tell lies, the chance of becoming a victim of your own indiscretions is about one in a million. We are told that we are *"all at risk"* but like many things promoted by vested groups, that is not exactly true. And if it is not exactly true, throw in a little fear to, well, scare people.

"Fear" is a marketable product and people make their living shovelling it. These are the people you should fear. They lurk in the shadows and do their slimy thing. In 1920 H L Mencken wrote that "the whole aim of practical politics is to keep the population alarmed by menacing it with endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary". Ninety years later they are still doing the same thing.

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HEALTH ISSUES: VACCINES FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN SWINE FLU ITSELF

By Christian Massey

With the media hype about the swine flu pandemic increasing, and the vaccines near ready to ship across the world, I decided to take a closer look at the vaccines and more importantly the company behind them.

After a few e-mails to the Department of Health and Children with no response, I decided to start phoning and eventually got put through to Lorcan Donovan in Public Health. To my relief Lorcan was able to reassure me that the vaccine will currently not be mandatory in Ireland. However he did confirm my worst fear. Baxter is one of the companies supplying Ireland.

TROJAN HORSES

Baxter has recently been associated with two deadly scandals. The first event occurred in the 1980's when haemophilic components were contaminated with HIV virus and injected in tens of thousands of people, including thousands of children. Baxter continued to release the HIV contaminated vaccine even after the contamination was known.

The second event occurred even more recently when it was discovered in February this year that Baxter had released a seasonal flu vaccine containing the bird flu virus, which could have produced a real world pandemic in 18 countries. Baxter flu vaccines contaminated with H5N1 – otherwise known as the human form of avian flu, one of the most deadly biological weapons on earth,

with a 60% kill rate – were received in 18 European countries including the Czech Republic, Germany and Slovenia. Fortunately, astute lab workers in the Czech Republic discovered the deadly combination and blew the whistle before a worldwide disaster was unleashed.

The implications of this mammoth mistake cannot be stressed enough. Surely Baxter would not then be employed to supply a vaccine for a pandemic that was caused by their contaminated flu vaccine? Would you feel confident injecting their product into a family member? My guess is NO. Yet the World Health Organization continues to contract Baxter to supply pandemic vaccines for Ireland and the world. Our government has ordered 7.2 million doses for our 4.1 million population and will have to pay somewhere in the region of a billion.

MEDIA BLACKOUT

Unfortunately for the public (and fortunately for Baxter's share-holders), with the exception of the Canadian Press and some articles in the Czech Republic, media corporations like Sky News did not cover this potential disaster by Baxter.

The fact that Baxter mixed the deadly H5N1 virus with a mix of H3N2 seasonal flu viruses is evidence for concern. When combined with seasonal flu viruses which as everyone knows are super-airborne and easily spread the effect is a potent pandemic virus. As the Canadian Press

article explains: *"While H5N1 doesn't easily infect people, H3N2 viruses do. If someone exposed to a mixture of the two had been simultaneously infected with both strains, he or she could have served as an incubator for a hybrid virus able to transmit easily to and among people."*

The Canadian Press article states, *"That mixing process, called re-assortment, is one of two ways pandemic viruses are created,"* but then claims that there is no evidence that this is what Baxter was doing. International strict standards governing biosafety level-3 facilities make creating pandemic viruses by accident impossible, and for good reason. There should be an investigation into Baxter's contamination of 72 kilos of vaccine material supplied by the World Health Organization (WHO). But who will investigate the WHO?

If we go back a little further in history to the 1976 swine flu scare, when the US government embarked on a major TV and Media propaganda campaign before they began a vaccine campaign for a so-called coming pandemic, the vaccine program had to be abandoned because the vaccines caused death and injury to so many people. Thousands filed compensation claims contending they suffered side effects from the shots and won their cases.

This time however, the US government has rushed through a legal document barring people from claiming any compensation for an unsafe H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine, effectively granting the vaccine makers immunity. The Associated Press reported: *"Vaccine makers and federal officials will be immune from lawsuits that result from any new swine flu vaccine, under a document signed by Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius"*. As it happens, the pandemic of 1976 never materialized and the vaccine was the real killer, not the flu.

LIVE

The Swine flu is set to be a weakened live virus vaccine and it is recommended that children receive the injections first as they can transmit it to unvaccinated people. Canada's Windsor Star published the following: *"British researchers reported last week that targeting children first would protect not only them, but also unvaccinated adults. Children 'are known to be really important for transmitting flu,' said Earl Brown, executive director of the Emerging Pathogens Research Centre at the University of Ottawa."*

The Associated Press and the Washington Post recently reported the following: *"Polio surge in Nigeria after vaccine virus mutates. When WHO officials discovered a polio outbreak in Nigeria was sparked by the polio vaccine itself, they assumed it would be easier to stop than a natural 'wild' virus. They were wrong. It is made from a live polio virus — albeit weakened"*



SQUALENE

The other company supplying Ireland's vaccinations, Glaxo SmithKline, will be using adjuvants in their H1N1 vaccine. Oil based vaccination adjuvants such as squalene has been proved to generate concentrated, unremitting immune responses over long periods of time. A 2000 study published in the American Journal of Pathology demonstrated a single injection of the adjuvant squalene into rats triggered *"chronic, immune-mediated joint specific inflammation,"* also known as rheumatoid arthritis.

In humans your immune system recognizes squalene as an oil molecule native to your body. It is found throughout your nervous system and brain. In fact, you can consume squalene in olive oil and have no adverse effects.

The difference between *"good"* and *"bad"* squalene is the route by which it enters your body. Injection is an abnormal route of entry that incites your immune system to attack all the squalene in your body, not just the vaccine adjuvant. Your immune system will attempt to destroy the molecule wherever it finds it, including places where it occurs naturally and where it is vital to the health of your nervous system.

In Britain the Daily Express published the following: *"THE new swine flu vaccine contains a deadly brain toxin linked to autism, Alzheimer's and multiple sclerosis. Some scientists believe squalene is linked to autoimmune illnesses including multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus. Squalene was included in the anthrax jab given to British and US soldiers during the 1991 Gulf War. Many claim it caused them permanent neurological damage [...] Female soldiers given the vaccine were advised not to become pregnant for at least 18 months because of the risk of birth defects."*

As it stands the vaccine will not be mandatory for Irish citizens. However, the Irish Independent reported that the *"Government is satisfied it has all the powers it needs to introduce controls, should they be required, such as compulsory vaccination, quarantine, travel bans and involuntary hospital admission."*

Although the Department of Health and Children have a vaccine damaged children's unit (The Vaccine Damage Steering Group) to pay out compensation, how many years will it take to prove it was the swine flu vaccine and not the swine flu it's self that damaged your children? I'll be declining my injection.



THE DANGERS OF ASPARTAME

by Sarah Carney

Once upon a time, aspartame was listed by the Pentagon as a biochemical warfare agent. Today it's an integral part of the modern diet. Sold commercially under names like NutraSweet and Canderel, aspartame can be found in more than 5,000 foods, including fizzy drinks, chewing gum, table-top sweeteners, diet and diabetic foods, breakfast cereals, jams, sweets, vitamins, prescription and over-the-counter drugs. This means that there is a good chance that you and your family are among the two thirds of the adult population and 40 per cent of children who regularly ingest this artificial sweetener.

Many people don't realize that aspartame is very well-documented as an excitotoxin, meaning that it overexcites nerve cells, causing permanent damage. According to researchers, aspartame causes brain lesions, blindness, migraine headaches, mental confusion, reproductive disorders, Alzheimer's disease and many other nervous system disorders. Over the years, there have been numerous documented cases of the harmful and sometimes deadly affects of aspartame.

Part of this is probably due to the fact that aspartame, when consumed, breaks down into several chemicals, and one of those chemicals is formaldehyde. Formaldehyde, of course, is a potent nerve toxin and has no place in the human body, yet people are effectively "drinking formaldehyde" every time they pick up a diet soft drink or "diet" food item sweetened with aspartame.

The next time you pop open a can of diet soda, think for a moment to consider what exactly you're drinking. As the aspartame gets broken down in your digestive tract, a metabolic by-product called DKP appears.

According to researchers, when your stomach processes DKP, it produces a compound very similar to N-nitrosourea, a powerful brain tumor-causing chemical. In addition, aspartame contains methanol, which the body breaks down into formic acid and formaldehyde. Formaldehyde is one of the main substances pumped into a dead body during the embalming process.

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS AND THE IDIOCRACY

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Three years ago a film came out of Hollywood that was conceptually great even if the execution was fatally flawed. Called Idiocracy, this comedy follows the mishaps of a character named Joe Bowers who is not the sharpest tool in the shed, but who, through a government hibernation experiment gone wrong, awakens to a society in the year 2505 that has become so stupid because of mass commercialism that Joe shines as a genius in comparison.

After a predictable series of mishaps, the point is clear: We are on the wrong track in pushing dumbed-down, 'me too' concepts and products. Society will only worsen, not improve.

Organic vs. Artificial

It is a lesson that modern-day fighters for individual liberty learned decades ago. In ensuring and protecting freedom for the individual, we create a better society. On a pragmatic level, individual liberty is a concept that sees the health and happiness of the parts as leading to the health of the whole – not the reverse. Put another way, individual liberty is organic – when not blocked artificially, it flows naturally and creates healthy relationships in an ever-expanding web of mutually-beneficial interactions among people.

On the other hand, much of today's political and economic structure is not organic but artificial. It comes from the Top down, not the bottom up. It does not flow naturally, easily, and quickly but with artificial constraints that are marked by dissension, delays and waste. It is, by nature, coercive. 'You do what we say because you have to and at the ultimate point of a gun. You do not do it voluntarily.'

With this in mind, we can see that the larger structures being created or expanded in the 21st Century are not geared to preserving or even considering individual freedom. Rather, they are all about mass uniformity and commercialism in their worst forms. Whether it is the European Union or the still-in-utero North American Union, their object is the same: stifling individualism in favour of a collectivistic uniformity. Yes, of course, lip service will be paid to the individual with such hollow slogans as 'Land of the Free, Home of the Brave'; but it is still the Whole consuming the Parts. It is still artificial, stiff, and unnatural.

Codex Alimentarius

For those readers not familiar with the Codex Alimentarius Commission, it is just one more of these mass-uniformity structures. Originally created in 1962 by the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization with the noblest of stated intentions – that is, to protect consumer food health and eliminate barriers to international food trade – the Codex Alimentarius Commission has been engaged in developing food standards and guidelines that will be imposed from the Top down. Captured by interests antithetical to health freedom, Codex is now well on the path to promulgating food rules that will lead to 'dumbed-down' health – a kind of health Idiocracy – for individuals throughout the World.

That is precisely why the National Health Federation (NHF) (www.thenhf.com), an

organization for consumers. In 2007, Mr. Tips became NHF President, and has been a speaker for the organization on several continents.

A legal columnist, he writes a monthly column for Whole Foods Magazine called "Legal Tips," a column he started in 1984. Currently, Mr. Tips is occupying much of his time with health-freedom issues involving the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its and other attempts to limit individual freedom of choice in health matters. In that capacity, he has recently compiled, edited, and published a book on the subject entitled Codex Alimentarius - Global Food Imperialism.

He also attends Codex meetings worldwide and has attended more Codex meetings than any other health-freedom activist.

international nonprofit consumer health-freedom organization, has been sending me to these Codex committee meetings every year for ten years in a row now. Having obtained official Codex observer status, the NHF is able to attend and speak out at these meetings. It is also able to submit, and has submitted, written arguments in favor of health-freedom positions at many of these meetings. As the only health-freedom organization accredited by Codex, NHF has almost always been the lone voice striving to eliminate oppressive standards and guidelines while enhancing consumer freedom of choice. The other delegates and organizations at these meetings are basically FDA-style bureaucrats and trade organizations with their own special commercial interests and agendas.

In particular, NHF has opposed the Codex Vitamin and Mineral Food Supplement Guidelines that were adopted in framework form in 2004-2005, and that will limit access to healthy dietary supplements as well as 'dumb down' their potencies to non-beneficial levels. These maximum upper permitted limits have not yet been set. However, if the Germans, Danes and others have their way, then ridiculously-low limits will be imposed that will ensure that supplements pose no competition with their pharmaceutical industry. For example, the German Institute (BfR) that has conducted 'research' into this area has determined that niacin is dangerous to consumers at levels higher than 17 milligrams per capsule! This is the madness that they would impose upon the rest of us as they die from their drug-and-sausage-induced heart attacks. That is a party we have no intention of joining!

In another area, ironically enough, the EU and NHF have worked together at the Codex Committee on Food Labelling meetings to see that genetically-modified foods are labeled as such for the consumer. In this case, the North Americans, joined by the Argentineans, Australians, and New Zealanders, are the bad actors, contending, as the American delegate has said, that "the consumer is too ignorant to understand GM-labelled foods." So far, this battle has been a draw but NHF has been aggressively vocal at each of these meetings arguing for the right of the consumer to know what he or she is eating.

Codex guidelines and standards cover many more subjects than those just mentioned. Ranging from oils and food additives to pesticides and natural mineral waters, Codex is involved. And while these standards are ostensibly to be applied to international trade, the Codex Strategic Plan specifically states – and almost all countries agree – that they will be applied domestically as well. It is just a matter of time, they say.

Bigger Is Not Always Better

In the European Union, which began innocently enough as nothing more than a Customs Union, decisions – important decisions – are increasingly made by the European Commission in Brussels. Each year, fewer and fewer decisions are being made in Dublin or London or Paris or Madrid. The natural tendency of governments and their institutions to grow over time is asserting itself, inexorably, like the laws of gravity and space. Power is being sucked in to the Center. It is being increasingly centralized.

And therein lies the major problem, for the more that you distance the power wielders from those over whom they exercise that power, the more corrupt and arrogant they will become and behave. It is ultimately about accountability, and you cannot have true accountability when the rulers are not immediately and directly accountable to the citizens.

The problem with the latest attempt to accumulate even more power in the hands of the EU Superstate, through the Lisbon Treaty, is that the rulers and the ruled will become even more distant from one another than they already are! Centralization of power is the bane of freedom. As rulers become less accountable to their subjects – or citizens – they will become more corrupt and more likely to do harm.

But as unlikely as it may seem now, there is another, more important reason to shun centralization: Increased concentration of power attracts sociopaths to it like flames attract moths. Such power in one place is irresistible to those who crave it. This is hard for the average decent person to comprehend, but sociopaths do exist and they do gravitate towards power. A more powerful Brussels will be an even stronger magnet for the future power-mongers of the World. Do we really need to invite another Hitler or Stalin to rain ruin down upon us?

The Banality of Centralization

While some might scoff at a future EU dictator in the same way that the Germans scoffed at a Nazi Germany in the 1920s, even the scoffers must accept the very real risk – I would say certainty – that a more powerful and centralized European Union will result in the banality of life – its 'dumbing down' as political, economic, and social life is forced into an artificial, bureaucratically-crafted mold of European uniformity.

This is already taking place. The heavy hand of distant bureaucrats is felt throughout the EU's member states over the littlest of details – from weights and measures to employee relations to vitamin and mineral food



supplements. Think of any aspect of your life in the European Union and the EU Superstate is involved at some level. Again, distant bureaucrats making important decisions about your life.

Codex and the EU

This, too, is where the worlds of the EU and Codex intersect. Unknown to the average citizen, the Codex Commission and Committees are trundling along, each year, making rule after rule that its member countries, the EU included, are expected to adopt – both in international trade and domestic trade. There are treaties and agreements that exist right now that commit the member states to adopting these Codex 'guidelines.' These include, but are not limited to, the Technical Barriers to Trade and the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreements, and the EU is a signatory to both of these.

At Codex meetings, the EU representative has been pushing his narrow view that consumers must be protected from vitamin and mineral food supplements. They are too strong in potency and there are too many 'unproven' ones, he claims, so they must be 'dumbed down' to a level that will be of no benefit to anyone except to the pharmaceutical companies whose profits are protected by the elimination of competition. The EU representative at the Codex Committee dealing with this issue has immense influence; and I have even seen him giving instructions to the Committee Chairman right in front of the other delegates during the meeting. That is how bold it has become!

So the EU Superstate – claiming all the while that it of course has the best interests of the consumers in mind – is pushing reduced potency and variety of supplements within the EU and internationally through Codex. Within the EU, Ireland, Britain, Sweden, and the Netherlands (being the most liberal countries, permitting the sale of a wider variety and higher potency of supplements) will be the first to fall (at the end of this year through the EU Food Supplements Directive – not because of Codex as some misinformed persons will tell you), to be followed later at some as-yet-to-be-determined date by global Codex rules. The United States and Canada, represented as they are by food bureaucrats of their own, are happy enough to be along for the ride.

Unless resisted successfully, the end result will be EU markets full of foods that are less healthy without the availability of food supplements to bridge the gap. The Idiocracy will have arrived – literally – as the general population is starved of real nutrition for their brains and bodies. A compliant, non-rebellious citizenry, what more could our distant Rulers ask for?

MILITARIZATION OF THE EU

By Peter Merrick

The militarization of the European Union is a very controversial topic and one that causes grave concerns for many European Union citizens. However, there is no doubt that militarization of the European Union is happening and will deepen if the European Union adopts the treaty of Lisbon wholesale, which it has not at present.

Many significant figures in the European Union wish to have a stronger emphasis on defence policy. Nicolas Sarkozy spoke in his autobiography of his wish *"to see more EU member states participate, because European defence policy is a matter for all of us"*. The French President and the British Prime Minister are both strongly in favour of committing more troops to Afghanistan which, as members of NATO, they are obliged under the terms of the NATO treaty to commit their troops to.

Ireland avoids this commitment as it has never been in NATO. However, as a member of the European Union, Ireland will have to, if the Treaty of Lisbon is ratified as Title 1, Article 2A section 4, states:

"The union shall have competence to define and implement a common foreign and security policy, including the progressive framing of a common defence policy".

This has been left ill defined under the Treaty of Lisbon however. Nicolas Sarkozy and the British Conservatives have made clear that they wish the European Union to become more involved in military matters, both in their own continent and in Africa.

Nicolas Sarkozy has called the EU's mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo *'a success'* and has called for it to demonstrate that Europeans can play a decisive role *'in more distant countries'*.



This desire by Nicolas Sarkozy has already been expressed by Irish troops taking part in peace keeping missions in Chad. This mission is a mandate which has been approved by the European Union to protect UN staff and to protect civilians. The bulk of the force is French; however there is a significant contingent of Irish troops out in that country.

The mission has been criticised by Republican Sinn Fein as supporting a French colonial proxy war with China. The regime in Chad is supported by Nicolas Sarkozy who has stated that *"we need to consider Africa as a priority area"*. It is not clearly defined in his statements what he means by *"we"*, however. He also goes on to say that *"we"* have to better codify this presence. Again Nicolas Sarkozy never states who he means by *"we"* in his autobiography. However if the Lisbon Treaty is ratified

it will commit all states to a common defence policy.

This will mean that the Irish Army which currently takes part in peacekeeping missions under UN mandate will have its duties and responsibilities dramatically expanded under the Lisbon Treaty. It has been claimed in a guarantee that *"The Lisbon Treaty does not affect or prejudice Ireland's traditional policy of military neutrality..."*. However it should be pointed out that this is not in the EU treaty of Lisbon. It is not legally binding in any way, shape or form.

If the Treaty of Lisbon is ratified, it will commit Irish forces to an open ended and unclear future where they could be engaged in a variety of military acts with no clear objectives. This could change the way that Ireland is viewed in the world. It could radically change the way Ireland is viewed by many countries. At present such organisations as Al Qaeda

do not feel that Ireland is a significant 'force' in world affairs and as a consequence there is little desire amongst (for example) extreme Muslim organisations to target Ireland and there are no terror threats against Ireland from Al Qaeda or its affiliates.

It is possible that if Irish troops, which are, at present, not in predominately Islamic nation states, extend their reach into states such as Afghanistan or Somalia or Sudan to provide 'peacekeeping' roles, this situation could change.

If the Lisbon Treaty is passed, the EU will become more militarised and more in keeping with the dominant interests of the dominant nation states. At present these are France, Germany and the United Kingdom. These states are integral parts of NATO and take part in militarised actions around the world.

Don't get me wrong, but this procedure sounds more like a dangerous chemical spill in a processing facility, rather than an environment friendly light bulb.

Health Officials in the UK were amazed at the under lying dangers that these bulbs can pose if not handled correctly.

Recent tests that were carried found that these so called good for the environment bulbs were nowhere near as safe as first thought and contain toxic mercury that can cause symptoms including, migraines, nausea and dizziness, the blood disease lupus and porphyria. *"People with skin complaints such as eczema will also find that close exposure to the bulbs can cause condition to flare up"* a leading dermatologist said.

None of this advice is printed on the packaging the of new-style bulbs so it's unlikely the average person will take proper care when handling the product. The Department for Environment information only draws attention to how the bulbs should be disposed of correctly.

In the United States alone 600 million light bulbs are disposed of into landfills. This accounts for nearly 30,000 pounds of mercury waste. The U.S. Environmental Protection

WARNING: the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (UK) has issued the following advice on what to do if a low energy bulb breaks.

1. Evacuate the room for at least 15 minutes taking care not to stand on any of the shreds of glass littering the floor
2. Do not use a vacuum cleaner to clear up the mess as the machine sucking action could spread the toxic Mercury droplets around the house
3. Put on rubber gloves and sweep the debris into a dustpan
4. Place the remains in a plastic bag and seal it
5. Do not put the bag in a normal house hold dustbin
6. Instead place it in a municipal recycling bin for batteries which also contain Mercury or bring it to a Council dump where it can be disposed safely
7. Try not inhale the dust from the bulb (wear a mask in other words)

Agency lists light bulbs as the third most dangerous product used in homes. It is expected that under Government plans, the use of the old style light bulbs in Ireland will be forbidden by March 2010.

The Minister for the Environment John Gormley said he believed *"by forcing*

consumers to switch to more energy efficient alternatives they would help minimize greenhouse gases released in our atmosphere. It provides a great opportunity for individuals to actively engage in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to reduce their carbon footprint."



MERCURY FOUND IN "ENERGY EFFICIENT" LIGHT BULBS DISPOSED OF IN LAND-FILLS

To be honest I am scratching my head on this one. We are expected to install these Mercury toxic hazardous bulbs in our homes to minimize greenhouse gases and help the environment? Makes sense, no sense!

By J.O'Murchu

HIDDEN €27 BILLION SITTING IN GOVERNMENT COFFERS!

THE DELIBERATE DESTRUCTION OF THE IRISH ECONOMY

Despite all the dire predictions emanating from the Government that Ireland is on the verge of going bankrupt and that everyone will have to share the pain, all along they have been quietly sitting on a hidden treasure trove of €27 Billion - in cash.

The twenty seven thousand million pot of gold is not at the end of a rainbow, but rather at the end of College Green and sitting in a bank account in the Central Bank.

After a brutal draconian budget which saw the cancellation of Christmas bonuses for pensioners among other austerity measures.

Measures which still only managed to raise a measly €2.5 Billion, the news that we have so much spare cash will come as a surprise to many.

The €27 Billion Euro sum has been confirmed by the Department of Finance who said:

“The National Treasury Management Agency has a cash balance of €27 Billion. It is not the pension fund it is separate from it. It is real money, it is in cash and held in the central Bank,” explained spokesperson Brian Meenan.

The money is part of the national debt, and up until now has remained concealed from view because of the way the national debt figures are calculated, and more importantly how they are presented for public consumption.

Officially, the national debt is €54 billion: money which most people naturally assume was spent long ago.

However half of it - the €27 Billion in College Green - is in cash, and has never been touched.

To give some scale of the amount of money involved, the sum is the equivalent of the United States -whose economy is one hundred times bigger than Ireland's- suddenly discovering that they had \$4 Trillion Dollars to spare.

If some of the Central Bank money was set aside for projects such as the mothballed National Cystic Fibrosis Unit our national debt would remain unchanged at €54 billion.

However, if the Government gave the money back to the now bankrupt National Banks, and the International Banks they borrowed it from, our national debt would shrink to €27 Billion, which would make it one of the lowest in the western world. Facts confirmed by the Department of Finance.

Apparently, the unspent money was wisely set aside long ago and literally kept for a rainy day. This creative accountancy move is the equivalent to someone owing two hundred thousand, but having a hundred grand stashed away under the mattress:

“It is money that the NTMA have borrowed and it is there for a rainy day, it is in the national debt figures. It is like an overdraft, if for some reason they (Government) could not raise money it is there as a back up. It is like a safety valve,” added Brian Meenan.

According to a report from the National Treasury Management Agency:

“The build-up of Exchequer cash balances....ensures that the NTMA can raise funds as opportunities arise without having to enter the market at particularly turbulent times. At the end of March, free cash balances in the Exchequer were almost €27 billion.”

The Government also has access to The National Pensions Reserve Fund, which stands at €15.5 Billion.

Although Ireland is experiencing difficult economic circumstances with everyone -including most of Dail Eireann- queuing up to write the country off: the country's finances would appear to be in robust good health.

However, it remains a mystery why the

Government has kept so quiet about their financial good fortune, preferring instead to scare the living daylight out of people.

THE FEAR FACTOR

The clue to their peculiar behavior could lie in Ireland's rejection of the Lisbon Treaty last year. It is no secret that Irish politicians have been quietly visiting the chancelleries of Europe and urging them to isolate Ireland to heighten the sense of isolation and fear.

They are working on the tried and trusted, century's old Machiavellian principle of *not letting a good crisis go to waste.*

Unfortunately for Ireland, these people have been unwittingly aided and abetted by the British Media, who have sought to distract the English people from their own even worse financial situation, by depicting Ireland as the next Iceland.

Where this narrative falls apart at the seams lies in the fact that unlike the UK or indeed most of the other EU countries, our natural oil and gas resources are potentially worth trillions.

We also have the ability to feed a population ten times our own size. The UK has no such luxury and has to import most of its food.

Even our rocketing unemployment has an inbuilt safety valve. It comes in the form of 400,000 guest workers who, by their actions of not buying property here and their penchant for staying at home - as most do - to save as much as they can, is indicative of people who intend to eventually head home.

QUANGOS

Another aspect of our national finances which is never examined is the annual cost of our 1,000 Quangos, which comes in at a staggering €13 billion per annum.

Although it is never spoken about, the purpose of the Quangos is to enforce the estimated 120,000 EU rules and Regulations which Ireland has to comply with.

However, there is another onerous cost, the British Government Better Regulation Task Force Annual Report 2005 (Introduction written by Tony Blair) estimated that it was costing the UK economy £100 Billion a year to comply with EU regulations.

In Ireland's case the figure works out at almost €10 billion per annum. Whilst we could afford this foolishness in the past, that day is long gone, and we are now in a situation where our continuing membership of the EU is quite literally bankrupting us.

To add insult to injury, it was an EU Directive in 1999 that forced us to deregulate the banks, which in turn led to the ruinous credit boom and bust and eventual banking collapse.

However, in terms of rank stupidity and sheer vandalism of the economy, the (Viet)NAMA project -if it is allowed to proceed- will go down in Irish history as the greatest act of thievery and economic destruction ever wreaked upon the Irish people.

In a nutshell the Government proposes to borrow €60 Billions or thereabouts, which the people will have to pay back with interest, and gift it to the treacherous Banks in return for their worthless half built un-saleable assets.

The wretched excuse for NAMA is that if our economy is to 'thrive' we need these same banks to be back up and running again. This blatant lie falls apart at the seams when you study the enormous damage the banks have deliberately inflicted upon Ireland since the foundation of the State.

In the 1920's they refused to lend the State any credit in the hope of economically destroying the country. As a result many of the country's businesses went bust and the Government had to reduce its expenditure by half.

In the 1930's they refused to lend any money in Ireland, preferring instead to invest in the City of London and eventually in War Bonds.

In the 1980's they once again refused to lend in Ireland, and when they did it was at 18% interest rates. As a consequence the Irish economy almost collapsed and most of our industry went to the wall. Meanwhile in the booming UK, the Irish Banks were prepared to loan money at low interest rates to anyone who wanted it.

In each decade that the treacherous Irish banks played Russian Roulette with Ireland the economy almost collapsed. Sadly the economic chaos of 2008/2009 is just an action replay of the past. The only difference now is that the Banks would appear to own their own Government.

By Jack Moriarty

EU Puts Childrens Allowance Under Threat

Recently, Minister for Social and Family Affairs Mary Hanafin confirmed that Children's Allowance/Child Benefit will be affected by budget cuts, something Minister for Finance Brian Lenihan first suggested in the last budget.

The threat to Children Allowance in the next budget expected towards the end of the year is causing real concern among families who have already been severely affected by the provisions of the last two budgets.

Listening to families, I am convinced that Child Benefit is one of the best investments we make as a nation.

It pays for children's clothes and

shoes, medical expenses, the high cost of "free education" A dad told me that his family saved it to make adjustments to their home, "As the children grow so must the house". Many mothers tell me it helps to pay for therapy their children cannot get from the HSE. It is saved for childhood emergencies, occasions like birthdays, First Communion and Christmas and if anything is left for an annual trip to the zoo or seaside. Child Benefit pays for the lessons and grinds. In families where even these are luxuries, it provides warmth and light for the children by paying utility bills, maintains the family car, and even buys food. These days many families need it for the mortgage so there is a roof over their children's heads.

In exchange for Children's Allowance for all children and Early Child Allowance for young children, Brian Lenihan has promised one year's free preschool for every 3 year old child in the country.

No one who has complained to me is against preschool or the jobs it will create. In fact the general feeling seems to be that it is long overdue as an option for parents who feel their child would benefit.

What parents are against is the loss of the necessary support, flexibility and choice child focused payments provide them in their childrearing.

Good parents know their children better than anyone else and are committed through love to doing what is best for them. They need the freedom to make decisions for their

children and the support, including the financial support to do so. The Irish Constitution guarantees parents this freedom and support. It recognises the importance of family and the benefit to the whole of society when children are loved and cared for well.

With the Children's Allowance under threat, parents have a right to know why our government proposes to largely and permanently eliminate it for many families in exchange for one years free preschool for 3 year olds.

In 2002, the Irish government signed up to the EU "Barcelona Agreement". Among other things, this agreement commits Ireland and all EU member states to have 90% of children in childcare/preschool from their third birthday by 2010. The Irish governments' lack of support for childcare, for preschool and for early intervention over the

years means that it is far from meeting its Barcelona commitment.

The clock is now ticking. Our government has until January 2010 to have 90% of three year olds in an out-of-the-home service (whether parents want one or not). Our leaders, always obedient Europeans, intend to meet their EU target regardless of impact. This accounts for the one year free preschool for this Barcelona targeted age group beginning when the deadline hits in January.

Clawing back on Children's Allowance has nothing to do with the good of children. It is a way of meeting an EU commitment and at the same time pocketing the considerable change.

Kathy Sinnott
Hope Project chair

NATION-BANKRUPTING BAILOUTS AND TITANIC DERIVATIVES

By Gabriel O'Hara

Exactly how many billions did 114 politicians out the 132 that voted from all the parties, not just Fianna Fáil, agree upon dishing out at the request of corporate banks?

Less than 200 individuals rushed in to law a "**€420 billion bank guarantee scheme**", as stated by the Irish Times. The entire nation is liable for that. According to Brian Lenihan bankers and himself cooked up this legislation at an after hours meeting (a quietly mentioned fact by the main media). On Sept 29th 2008 AIB and BOI wanted to urgently meet with Lenihan. The bankers present at the department of the Taoiseach late Monday night were Central Bank governor John Hurley, AIB's Eugene Sheehy, AIB's Dermot Gleeson, BOI's Brian Goggin and BOI's Richard Burrows. At four thirty in the morning, an hour after the bankers left, a copy of their plan of action was sent to the European Central Bank. That day Lenihan and the Attorney General reviewed the draft legislation.

Since then private banks have gobbled up billions and NAMA is set to gorge on more. NAMA, a recently proposed government body, would buy up liabilities on the property market. NAMA would use the public's money pot to buy up properties that have fallen over 50% with defaulting mortgages and estates that developers can't sell along with other toxic. NAMA transfers debt to the very generous Irish people, just like the bailout bill does. NAMA defiantly won't be buying needed hospital beds for the nation. The creation of NAMA, to be voted on by the characters managing the government not the people, would certainly be another great asset for the private banks in this marriage of corrupt capitalism and socialism (which some might describe as an elite's utopia).

During the boom times Ireland was able to pay off approximately two billion Euro from the national debt per annum. If/when the bankers use up €420 billion it would take the Irish people 210 years to pay off that debt at the rate set during the Celtic Tiger not a depressed economy. This does not take in to account the interest that would be owed on this bank-borrowed debt used to bailout the banks.

Last April CNBC ran an article titled "**The World's Biggest Debtor Nations**". Ireland had the highest debt in the world to GDP. Ireland's gross external debt (government, the private sector and personal debt) according to the World Bank's data is \$2.3 trillion dollars, 811% of our GDP. To put a trillion in perspective: one trillion seconds ago it was the year 29,700 BC. The fact that other major western nations, including England, are almost in as dire a state as Ireland will be no real consolation.

For a moment put aside direct Irish economic concerns - bailouts, our massive external debt, the government gambling away millions of pension savings on the big stock market casino, and the skyrocketing cost of Ireland's social services (crippled by an oversaturated EU immigration policy) - and lets look at an even larger global hole that has been dug which is set to impact all nations to a great extent in this domino-structured/inter-dependent global economy.

The \$531 trillion dollar derivatives time bomb

What are derivatives? Some investors describe them as "dormant economic weapons of mass destruction". They essentially are large leveraged bets on top of stocks, bonds and commodities. Money can be made within months or seconds by betting if a stock will go up, down or even remain the same. With no credit rating you can place a bet worth double your account balance. Big time investors get greater leverage with these instantaneous loans.



Bankster's Rotten ba-NAMA

The New York Times, Oct 8th 2008: "**The derivatives market is \$531 trillion, up from \$106 trillion in 2002**". This market is setup with odds similar to a racetrack. Trillions are won and lost (transferred) every second. But unlike a racetrack the big players have ultimate control. Their trillions can make stocks move. A 4% up swing in a stock can cause a derivative bet to rise more than 100% in value or vice versa. A low performing stock that rises only 6% a year could actually have many 3, 6 or 9 percent swings weekly or monthly (some stocks daily). There are billions to be made over and over again by the people that control billions and trillions thus the markets. A grand game approved by the top.

The globe's GDP is at \$60.1 trillion. The globe's total financial assets were reported as \$167 trillion in 2006. A few trillion lower today no doubt. The highly volatile derivatives market is worth noting because it dwarfs the entire world's GDP and total financial assets combined.

Alan Greenspan, the former long-term chairman of the central bank of the United States, constantly double-spoke over his career. He made statements that the current unchanged derivatives market is the best thing since sliced-money and occasionally he gave dire warnings. On May 9th 2003 the New York Times published the following: "**Mr. Greenspan, as he has done in the past, praised derivatives, saying their benefits materially outweighed the risks and had insulated the financial system from the stock market crash and economic downturn.**" New York Times, Oct 8th 2008: "**Mr. Greenspan warned that derivatives could amplify crises because they tied together the fortunes of many seemingly independent institutions. 'The very efficiency that is involved here means that if a crisis were to occur, that that crisis is transmitted at a far faster pace and with some greater virulence,' he said.**" With double-speak Greenspan can always be "right" in his autobiography. Historians can choose if he was one of the "experts" giving warnings or they can put the blame on him. Quite often the qualified "experts" that helped crash a system are the ones in charge of building the next system.

The \$531 trillion dollars derivatives market contains a mind-boggling amount of high-risk credit in the hands of a small few that could completely finish off the collapse of the current global economy (for a new global replacement). New York Times, May 9th 2003: "**he detailed the potential dangers to financial markets if a big derivatives dealer had to exit the market. In his speech, delivered to the**

conference by satellite, Mr. Greenspan said that a single dealer accounts for about a third of the global market in both interest rate and credit derivatives, and a few dealers account for more than two-thirds."

Playing with people's lives

The span between the green-cash haves and have-nots grew larger under Greenspan. The majority of people around the world rely on the economy for their livelihoods. But what runs the integrated global economy? Credit!

Greenspan is not one of the minority with trillions of dollars, and trillions more in credit, tied in derivatives. His work was benefiting the dominant minority of the market. Those who own the gold get others to make their rules. If everything runs on money and you own the money, it's easy to run things.

The new financial system is currently being openly discussed, if not already fully constructed on paper. Have no doubt that the paid "**experts**" will be given plenty of corporate and government media time sprouting how wonderful the new system will be for the ordinary man while saying enough bad things about the old system to keep us happy or they might even put the blame on the "**greedy public**". A few bank employees (bank managers) have already been scarified in the media. Of course, the real economic managers, the top bank owners, will create the new system. The same people that profited from the sheering of the current system. The trillion dollar banking families of the globe don't want to end their river of wealth, making easy money from the public, which means the World Bank and the European Central Bank don't what that either. The current system would be updated with desired regulations (a better game for a few) and new banking language that the general public don't understand, like with any good con. However, not until after some turmoil as turmoil is needed for large-scale changes to be accepted. As the EU Commission President, Manuel Barroso, said, "**the kind of occasion where the crisis calls in to question all certainties and minds are more open to change, these are very special moments.**" A spokesperson for the upcoming system, Gordon Brown, said all that the nation bankrupting bailouts and social chaos are "**the difficult birth pangs of a new global order**" and the expert's "**task now is nothing less than making the transition to a new internationalism,**" reported by the Daily Mail on Jan 27th 2008. This is what happens when people desire to be managed.

What did Milton Friedman, a Nobel Prize winning economist, have to say about the track record of the central bank in the United States? He said, "**the Federal Reserve definitely caused the Great depression by contracting the amount of currency in circulation by one-third from 1929 to 1933.**" Contracting or inflating the money supply are only two tools among many utilised by central banks to direct economies.

No individual running the European Central Bank are elected by the public, they are hand picked, and no EU institution has authority over the decisions of the ECB. The ECB is an independent corporate entity. Article 106.2 of the EU's 1992 Maastricht Treaty states, "**the ECB shall have legal personality**". Article 107 says the ECB and national central banks are totally independent from member state governments and "**any other body**" including the EU. It even forbids "**the community of institutions and bodies**" and "**any government of a Member State or from any other body**" from instructing or advising the ECB and national central banks. Article 108.2 allows the ECB to publish or withhold any or all information on decision-making. As we all know, the ECB have the "**EXCLUSIVE right to AUTHORIZE the issue of bank notes within the Community.**"

Nigel Farage, Member of the European Parliament, once said in parliament that the type of illegal actives characters of the unelected European Commission have entangled with in their past would not lead too kindly if they decided to become trustworthy used-car salesmen. Belgium Justice Minister, Melchior Wathelet, resigned in disgrace over scandalous inaction regarding a serial child kidnapper-seller-rapist-murder the public kept informing the police about. Wathelet ended up been handed one of the best-paid jobs in Europe, a European Court of Justice judge. Although acquitted, the European Central Bank President, Jean-Claude Trichet, was on trial with eight others for his part in signing off official accounts during a time of fraud at one of France's biggest banks (Credit Lyonnais) which resulted in a €31 billion Euro bailout. The "right" kind of people always seems to get picked for the top.

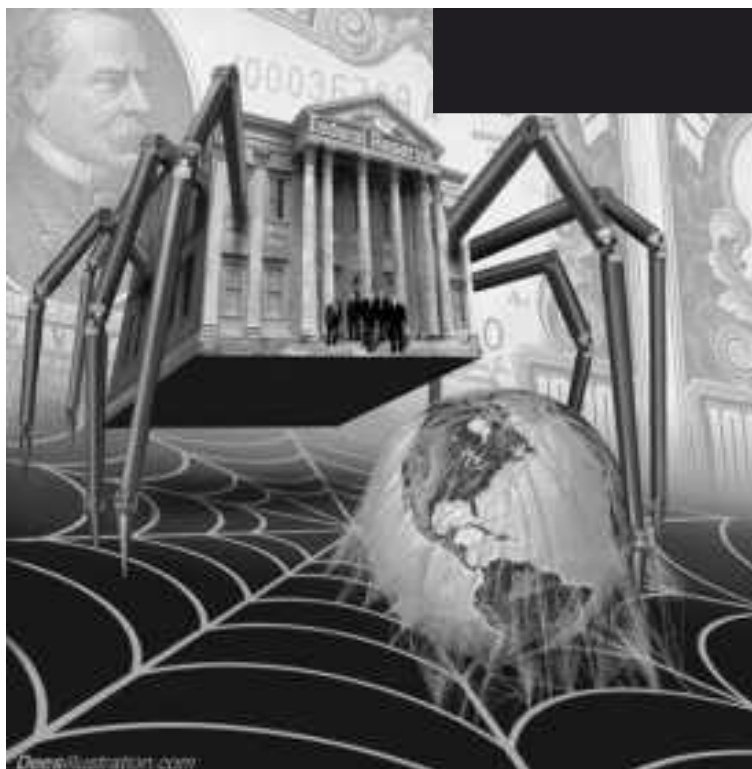
On Feb 25th 2009 at a rare Garda protest Mr. John Healy, Deputy General Secretary of the Garda Representative Association, said the government has "**sat around while our banks have been raid by private individuals for their personal profit**", "**43 billion has been made in the last three years of the Celtic Tiger while one percent of the population has profited [...] bankers that have switch their accounts from account to account. And individuals who have directly and openly manipulated share value.**"

On June 25th 2007 while everyone was happy with the booming economy the Telegraph published that the Bank for International Settlements', the ultimate bank of all central banks, 77th annual report talked of a coming global depression. The people behind this bank don't have crystal balls. They are the movers and shakers that make things happen. Great depressions (great for some) create fantastic discounts for those with credit and bust those "nasty" competitors, especially the many small family run competitors. Since Sept 2007 billions of national emergency funds have been injected in to the global financial markets keeping buyers for the large sellers. Irish bank stocks lost 50% of their value by Dec 2007. The 6 o'clock news did not tell people about the credit crash until late 2008. Wait until the derivatives bubble - in the hands of a small few - pops, then we'll have a brand new global financial architecture and it certainly won't be good for the people if we allow the crisis creators to build it. The last thing you want to do is give up more control under the Lisbon treaty or any other proposed laws. Reduced outside control over people's livelihoods and lives is needed for once.

What IS Money?

BANKING ON FICTION

The Greatest Con Ever Perpetrated



“THE FEW WHO UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM (BANKING), WILL EITHER BE SO INTERESTED IN ITS PROFITS OR SO DEPENDENT ON ITS FAVOURS, THAT THERE WILL BE NO OPPOSITION FROM THAT CLASS.” - MAYER AMSCHEL ROTHSCHILD.

A predictable but influential idea

Three-time New York City Teacher of the Year, John Taylor Gatto Once Stated:

"The idea came about partially by Charles Darwin's first cousin, a famous intellectual named Francis Galton. The idea would be that the attitudes, the values forged by the British upper classes and kind of society that they had tempered and designed, could become the clothing for the entire globe. But it would take time.

One of the big things would be a common currency and a common language, but they knew that would be a long way off. So they began by setting up 23 bases all over the planet. All of those bases are still in business. The one in the United States is right up on 68 street. It's called the Council on Foreign Relations. And they have different names in different places. But the idea was to draw into that club the best, the brightest and the most influential people from the entire country, from all races and all walks of life and to use those people as the resonator of the idea of globalisation.

And in some generation, not impossibly far in the future, everyone would live pretty much the same, think pretty much the same, eat pretty much the same. There would be colourful differences between Swedes and Americans and you'd save those for folk festivals once a year or at international food festivals. But essentially you could predict people, whether they were Swedes, Italians or Americans."

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It's a common misconception that banks loan money. They don't and never have. What banks do is create non-existent money called credit and loan it out at interest.

Banks operate on the principle of **Fractional Reserve Lending**, which is sometimes more accurately described as **fictional reserve lending**.

Using fractional reserve lending, for every tenner in real money the banks have on reserve they lend out €100 Euros, which is ten times that amount.

But that was in the good old days. Since the 1990's the ratio has grown to a staggering 20 to 1 and in some cases 70 to 1. The six Irish owned banks have €407 Billion out on loan, yet their core capital stands at €23.3 Billions, which represents a ratio of 17½ to 1.

INTEREST

To the average man or woman on the street who needs €250,000 to buy a house it doesn't matter one way or the other how the money came into being.

Unfortunately it does. Because the €250,000 mortgage will eventually cost them €400,000 to pay back thanks to interest. Appropriately enough, the word **'mort gage'** which is Latin in origin, literally means **'death grip'**.

Long ago governments abrogated the duty of creating interest-free money and handed the right over to private bank instead, which out of virtually nothing, created over 90% percent of the money which is now in circulation, or to be more precise, the digital money that exists on a computer screen.

OUT OF THIN AIR

In Ireland's case €407 Billion Euros was created out of thin air during the late 1990's and onwards and loaned to people.

Initially the new borrowed money created a credit boom, with money filtering down from developers to the well-paid workmen who in turn spent it in coffee shops and so forth.

However, we are now in the payback phase where the whole process has gone into reverse, with all the borrowed money plus interest being slowly sucked out of the economy by the banks.

Think of a million people paying a thousand a month on their mortgage and suddenly you realize why all the bars are empty and half the staff have been let go. It's no mystery really. No one has any spare cash.

To compound matters, when a loan (plus interest) is paid back, the bank cancels out of existence the original money it created, and keeps for itself the interest.

In order to maintain the status quo and avoid an economic downturn, banks have traditionally had to encourage ever-larger numbers of people to borrow in order to inject new money into the economy.

It is a classic pyramid scheme with only one possible outcome, the **mathematical certainty that the whole economy will spectacularly collapse** if the banks run out of fresh customers.

Governments are only too well aware of this paradox and that is why they are so obsessed with economic growth.

By bringing new money into the country via the multinational factories and so forth, they can keep one step ahead of the debt: So far so good until the economy hits an economic tempest and stops growing.

“BANKS LEND BY CREATING CREDIT. THEY CREATE THE MEANS OF PAYMENT OUT OF NOTHING.”

- RALPH M. HAWTREY,
SECRETARY OF THE
BRITISH TREASURY

CRIPPLING GOVERNMENT DEBT

Unfortunately Ireland's €407 Billion debt has a life of its own, and thanks to interest, continues to grow larger by the day like a malignant tumour.

So much so, in order to pay off Ireland's €407 Billion debt would require something of the magnitude of almost a trillion Euros.

Unfortunately there isn't enough money in existence in the economy to pay off the debt.

With no new money coming into the country, and with the banks extracting their pound of flesh every month, the existing pool of money soon starts to dwindle. This year alone a staggering €40 Billion will have been removed from the economy to pay the debt.

With ten percent of the money supply taken out of circulation it brings into sharp focus why the Government is obsessed with reducing everyone's wages and the cost of everything by 10%.

With less money in circulation the economy slowly grinds to a halt and large numbers of people end up losing their jobs, a situation which inevitably leads to people defaulting on their loans.

In theory banks should be able to walk away from the economic crash, cashed up to the hilt whilst their indebted customers make do with frugal austerity measures. Not so.

Due to a peculiarity in Fractional Reserve Lending, the mechanism that allowed banks to conjure-up huge loans out of relatively little cash also works in reverse and with dire consequences for the banks if enough people start defaulting on their loans.

Suddenly the phantom €250,000 house loan rises up from the dead and wipes out €250,000 worth of the bank's real cash reserves.

Due to the fact that most bank's cash reserves are quite low, if only a small percentage of their customers can't pay their loans back, then the bank is in serious trouble.

Normally they make allowances for a small percentage of bad debts. However, when the unforeseen occurs - an event such as huge job losses - then all bets are off and **banks start to collapse**. Suddenly you end up with Lehman Brothers-type scenarios with bankers demanding corporate dole from the Government to give them the liquidity (cash) to continue on spinning new money out of straw.

Interest levied on money, completely undermines the economic benefits of the new money. Think of a €3.49 tube of lipstick bought on a credit card, which a year later ends up costing €5.

Presently governments are pouring hundreds of billions into the crumbling banking system in a vain attempt to preserve the status quo.

However, rather than viewing the situation as an economic Armageddon, the collapse of faith-based banking presents the world with a once in a century opportunity to literally scrap the entire usury (interest) based system and start again from scratch.

By Tom Prendeville

“IT IS WELL THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION DO NOT UNDERSTAND OUR BANKING AND MONETARY SYSTEM, FOR IF THEY DID, I BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE A REVOLUTION BEFORE TOMORROW MORNING.” - Henry Ford.

DE VALERA'S PROPHETIC WARNING ABOUT A FEDERAL EUROPEAN UNION

by Yolanda Ryan

In a prophetic warning from beyond the grave, it has emerged that Eamon de Valera spoke out over 50 years ago about the dangers of becoming entangled in a European Union.

The epoch, almost prophetic speech, was made to Dáil Éireann on July 12th, 1955, when he returned from a meeting in Strasbourg, at a time when the country was being courted as a potential member of the then embryonic European Union.

In a speech to a packed Dáil chamber, the then Taoiseach warned Ireland could end up **losing its independence, control of the economy** and become **subject to laws that were not in our interests.**

Incredibly, Eamon de Valera's stark message also warned about the dangers of a European Constitution and getting entangled in European-led military adventures, over which we would have no control. The events he warned so clearly and unequivocally about are now upon us.

In his address to the Dáil, Eamon DeValera told the house:

"We have always realised that we are one nation among many and that, as far as physical resources were concerned, our resources were not great."

"We also realise that, small as were our physical resources, there were spiritual ones which were of great value; and we never doubted that our nation, though a small one, in the material sense, could play a very important part in international affairs."

*"In a Council of Europe it would have been most unwise for our people to enter into a **political federation** which would mean that you had a **European parliament** deciding the economic circumstances, for example, of our life here"*

"For economic and other reasons we had refused to be satisfied with a representative of, say, one in six, as was our representative in the British parliament."

"Our representative in the European Assembly was, I think, something like four out of 120 or some number of that magnitude."

"That is, instead of being out-voted on matters that we would have regarded as important interests to us by five or six to one, we would have been out-voted by 30 or 40 to one."

"We did not strive to get out of that domination [British] of our affairs by outside force, or we did not get out of that position to get into a worse one."

*"One of the things that made me unhappy at Strasbourg was that I saw that at the first meeting of the Assembly, instead of trying to provide organs for co-operation, there was an attempt to provide a **full-blooded political constitution**, there were members who were actually dividing themselves into socialist parties, and so on."*

On the issue of neutrality, he added:

"In every war fought, those who are fighting will always find good and moral causes for the fight...if the world does not learn wisdom and if there are to be future wars, there will be no dearth of good causes which war will be supposed to further."

"A small nation has to be extremely cautious when it enters into alliances which bring it, willy nilly, into those wars...we would not be consulted in how a war would be started - the great powers would do that - and when it ended, no matter who won...we would not be consulted as to the terms on which it should end."

Loss of Sovereignty

With Ireland embroiled in Chad alongside the French who have a long colonial history of cruelly exploiting the people of that country - much as the British did unto Ireland - DeValera's words ring doubly true.

The French who are now posing as 'Peace Keepers' invaded the land known as Chad in 1891. The country finally won independence from the French in 1960. However, France has been meddling in the internal affairs of the impoverished African nation ever since.

DeValera's warning about surrendering our sovereignty and economy to Europe has also proven correct. Since Ireland joined the EEC a staggering 111,000 rules, regulations, laws and directives have been imposed on the country.

The body of red tape and legislation covers runs to 170,000 pages and is viewed by many as the new penal laws.

Elsewhere our Irish fishing rights valued at a staggering €200 billion euros, were handed over to the EU, resulting in decimation of the native fishing industry and reducing fishing families to penury.

Although Ireland received almost €50 billion in transfer funds from Europe, it is now widely accepted that we were taken to the cleaners. This fact alone

begs the question as to why every major political party in the country clings to the delusions that Ireland has benefited so much from Europe?

Although access to the Europe market is often cited as a reason to be grateful to the EU, this too is a myth. Under past world trade treaty agreements - of which Ireland was a party to - we are entitled to export our goods to any country in Europe without the burden of tariffs: a right enjoyed by the Swiss and Norwegians who are not members of the EU.



The European Parliament currently has 736 Euro MP's, members who represent 492 million people. Ireland has 12 Euro MP's which constitutes a representation of just under 2%.

In 1908 during the heyday of the British Empire there were 670 MP's in the House of Commons. Ireland was represented by 107 MP's including 25 Unionist MP's. Our representation then - unlike now - was one in six.

Taking all of this into consideration, all things being equal, what incentive or reason would we have to enter into a political federation with Europe?

The massive loss of power due to the shift of that power from the smaller nations such as Ireland, to the larger nations such as Germany, France and the United Kingdom, would put Ireland into the lowest position in Europe. Subservient to the binding laws and statutes decided by these nations. We would have literally gone full circle.



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A PAINFULLY FAMILIAR SIGHT

More and more we are seeing sights like this popping up all over Ireland. The place in question is Carrick-on-Shannon, or to be more precise, the border between Roscommon and Leitrim divided by the River Shannon. These flags are the first things you see as you approach the bridge over the Shannon. I pass this monstrosity at least 3 times a week. If you look closely, you will see on the right is the flag for Roscommon. The flag on the left is Leitrim. And the flag in the middle is not the cherished Tri-colour, but the EU National flag... they are popping up like swastikas during the rise of the Nazi regime!

The EU national flag is displayed many more times than the Tri-colour in this country. We have an image on every euro note in our pockets. We display at least two on our cars. The image is subliminally being imprinted on our minds to the point we do not even really notice all the EU flags imposing on our surroundings. This is just another example of tip-toe totalitarianism.

If you have any similar pictures or thoughts on the changing world around you please email us at editor@sovereignindependent.com.

Dáithí O'Boyle

US Intelligence Involvement in Creation of European Union

By Tom Prendeville



Recently declassified US State Department Documents reveal that the entire EU project from the very beginning was a covert intelligence operation run by William J. Donovan, who was head of the Office of Strategic Intelligence, which was the forerunner of the CIA.

Under the guise of the American Committee for a United Europe, spy chiefs in Washington invented the whole idea of an EU, and secretly funded the project from as far back as 1948.

The astonishing declassified American Government Documents include a vast number of files released from the US National Archives.

In 1948 the United States set up the American Committee for a United Europe to pursue the agenda of a European Union. The high ranking committee was chaired by William J. Donovan, a fiery Irish-American World War 1 hero who

is credited with saving Eamonn De Valera from being executed by the British in 1916.

According to the documents, US Intelligence directed and funded the European Federalist Movement, and recruited promising upcoming leaders such as French politician Robert Schumann, former Belgian Prime Minister Paul Henri Spaak and Jean Monnet.

British historian and newspaper editor Alan Franklin, who has made a study of the intriguing documents, takes up the story:

“One memorandum dated July 16th 1950 gives instructions for a campaign to promote a fully integrated European Parliament, much as now exists in Brussels and Strasbourg. The document was signed by General William J. Donovan, Head of American wartime OSS,” he explained.

“The role of the Americans was strictly covert and the funds came from the Ford Foundation and business groups with close ties to the US Government. The State Department also played

a role,” explains Alan Franklin.

Dr Frank Falconer, a former Director of Irish Studies at Hallyoak University, Massachusetts who lives part of the year in Dingle, has made a study of Bill Donovan's life and times:

“Donovan was a pretty creative guy. He was very powerful and was a very close friend of President Roosevelt. Back in the 1940's he was even paid out of a special White House account. Donovan was a Colonel but he was also a Wall Street lawyer for the Rothschilds.”

“He knew everyone and met Hitler and had dinner with him. He was also a friend of the head of German Intelligence, Herr Canaris, and supposedly had an affair with Jean Harlow,” explains Dr Frank Falconer.

Known as the ‘Father of American Intelligence,’ in 1942, Bill Donovan set up the country's first intelligence apparatus -the O.S.S.- which boasted 16,000 operatives. In 1947 the organization became the CIA.

Apart from the creation of the EU, the US Government had much bigger plans and wanted to bring about a whole New World Order, minus Ireland, which would remain totally independent.

In an astonishing world map commissioned by the US State Department in 1941, titled Post-War New World Map, the USA planned to redraw the entire map of the world and proposed a whole raft of radical far-reaching plans, many of which have since come to pass.

The documents and accompanying map grandiosely proclaim:

The United States of America, with the cooperation of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, assumes world leadership for the establishment of a New World Moral Order for permanent peace, freedom, justice, security and world reconstruction.

The state of Israel which did not exist in 1941 is marked in on the map and called **Hebrew Land**, a remarkable feat considering that Israel didn't come into being until 1948.

Even more remarkable, Eastern bloc countries such as Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania and several others are colour coded as part of communist U.S.S.R.

These countries weren't invaded and occupied by the Soviets until 1945, which suggests that the American Government was quite happy to allow the USSR to take over half of Europe and erect an Iron Curtain down the middle. Historically, Roosevelt and Churchill handed over all of Eastern Europe to Stalin at Yalta in 1945.

NORTH AMERICAN UNION

Other radical proposals included a North American Union comprising the USA, Canada and Mexico. Such an entity already exists in theory under NAFTA, which stands for North America Free Trade Area.

Another project which was also mooted was an African Union comprising all of the continent's individual countries. There now exists an African Union. However, it is nowhere near the European Union-type political entity as envisaged by the US Government.

Ireland's nearest neighbour Britain is

The New World Order - 1942



dispossessed of Northern Ireland and all its former African colonial possessions and instead becomes part of a new territory -ruled from London- comprising of far-away Australia and New Zealand. Historically Britain relinquished of all of its African colonies in the aftermath of World War Two.

Elsewhere, the Nordic countries: Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark become part of a Nordic Federation similar to the modern day EU.

Strangely one of the few remaining independent countries left in the New World Moral Order Map is Ireland, which is not part of the United States of Europe or aligned with Britain or the USA.

The accompanying Map Notes for Ireland propose:

The area known as Eire and Northern Ireland shall be unified as a demilitarised independent republic of “Eire”

WORLD COURT

The US Government also proposed a United Nations style assembly and a “World Court.” It describes the latter as possessing...punitive powers of absolute boycott, quarantine, blockade and occupation by international police (UN peacekeepers) against lawbreakers of international morality.

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We are a non-partisan newspaper and we only publish facts and not personal opinions. This information is presented 'as is' and everything you will read is well documented and based on actual truths. It offers as complete and balanced a picture as possible of what is really going on in our country and the world around us.

In this first issue, we aim to raise awareness of what the Lisbon treaty actually is and how it will affect our lives. To clearly show how important it is for us to know what is really at stake if the Lisbon Treaty were ever imposed on us.

We are at the most historic point in all of Ireland's history, indeed in the history of the world - because we are being presented with the biggest assault on our liberty since independence. Our sovereignty and democracy will be a thing of the past if we do not stand up to the threat of becoming a mere province once again under the stranglehold of post-Lisbon Europe.

The vast majority of the European people do not want to live under the Lisbon Treaty any more than the Irish do, but their governments and Constitutions allow for this decision to be made for them, against their will. Consequently many of these European national governments have literally betrayed their own people.

Luckily for Ireland, our Constitution demands a referendum of the people for any decisions such as this. It is a fact that ALL 27 member nations of the EU must ratify the treaty in order for it to be enforced, and if just one national government fails to ratify the Lisbon Treaty then they will be preserving the freedoms and liberties of half a billion people in Europe.

The people of Ireland hold the power in their hands to sink this Lisbon Treaty threat. They just need to see through the propaganda that is being fed to them by the mainstream media and make their decisions based on sound knowledge and not media spin and propaganda. This is where the Sovereign Independent comes in, offering the whole truth, for no other agenda than to simply disseminate vital information.

Many groups and organizations have been campaigning very hard by various means including poster campaigns and flyer distribution. Many of these groups have collaborated on this newspaper and present it as an additional means of spreading important and critical information about what is really going on in the world around us and the impending threats to our freedom and liberty.

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